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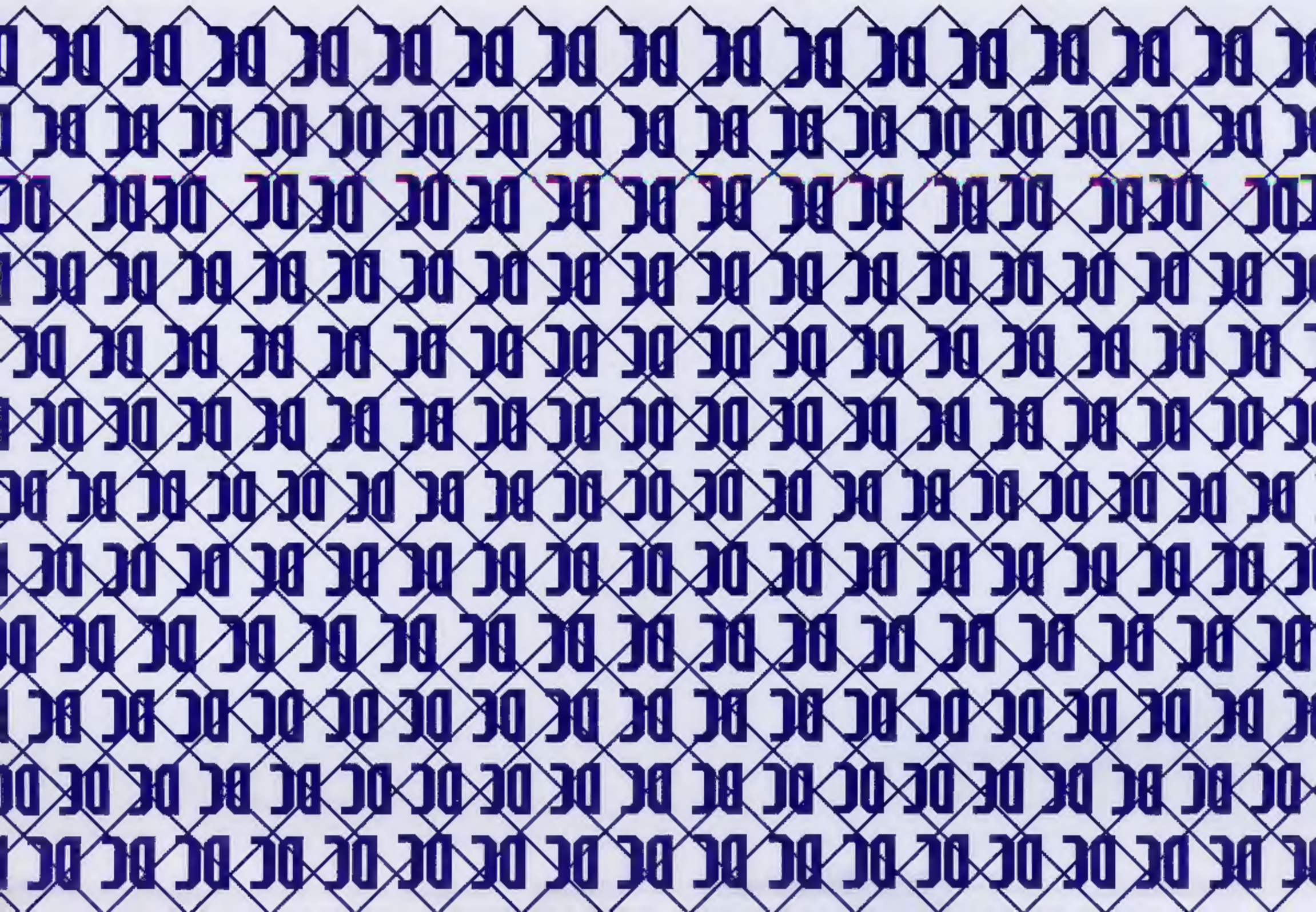

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CHAPTER 25

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THE PROCEDURE I'M ABOUT TO EXPLAIN NOW IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO INFLICT AN INSTANTANEOUS AGGRAVATION FROM ABOVE JUST TO INDUCE A BREAK IN THE BLESSED ROCK
FIRST, WE GAIN ALTITUDE BY CONSECUTIVE BOOST JUMPS
REVERSE BOOST DESCENT
AND BY MEANS OF THE 74 STYLE LONG SWORD, INDUCE INTENSIVE KINETIC ENERGY TO THE STRESS POINT
A REVERSE BOOST DESCENT BY CONSECUTIVE BOOSTS, IS IT ...
TRUST HER ! SHE'S CONFIDENT ABOUT THIS MANEUVER
NEXT, WE KEEP SWINGING THE LONG SWORD AT THE MAXIMUM POWER
AND STRIKE AT A TARGET OF 20 CM ALL AROUND, WITH A 2 DEGREE ANGLE MARGIN OF ERROR

EH…?
20 CM…
MARGIN OF ERROR…2 DEGREES!?

TH-… THERE'S NO WAY I CAN DO THAT, Y'KNOW!?
EVEN IN TRAINING WE HAD A TARGET OF 2M!!
IF IT'S YOU, YOU CAN DO THE REVERSE BOOST DESCENT
RIGHT NOW, WITH MY FOOT… WELL, IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME NOW EVEN IF MY FOOT WASN'T INJURED…

CONVERSELY, I DON'T HAVE SUCH A PRECISE CLOSE COMBAT SKILL UNLIKE MEIYA…

WE MAY HAVE SUFFICIENT ALTITUDE IF WE'RE PREPARED TO GO IN ONE DIRECTION, BUT ⋮
THERE'S A LACK OF PROPELLANT
EVEN IF WE JUMP BY COMBINING THE REMAINING QUANTITIES OF THE TWO CRAFTS, WE MAY FALL SHORT OF THE EXPECTED ALTITUDE

MOREOVER, THERE IS ONE OTHER PROBLEM ⋮

HAVING SAID THAT, WITH MEIYA INJURING HER FOOT, I HAVE NO CHOICE ⋮

ONE ⋮ ONE DIRECTION ⋮ MEANING, WE'LL COME CRASHING TO THE GROUND ⋮
ON TOP OF THAT, A TARGET, 20 CM ALL AROUND ⋮ THIS ISN'T SOMETHING THAT WILL HAPPEN WITH WILLPOWER AND A FIGHTING SPIRIT ALONE

TAKERU ⋮ FOR THIS, I THINK I'LL GO
IN THE FIRST PLACE, FOR THIS SITUATION, I AM ⋮

I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO TAKE MEIYA AND OBAA-SAN TOGETHER WITH ME AND SUCCEED !!
BUT TO DO THE REVERSE BOOST, AFTER ALL !!

HM…? WAIT, YOU…
TOGETHER…?
ABRUPT
WHA… WHAT IS IT!? ALL OF A SUDDEN
THAT'S IT (GASP)!!!
YOU'RE THE RIGHT PERSON FOR FENCING OF COURSE
WE'RE COUNTING ON THAT, RIGHT?
#14
CREAK
YEAH I GOT THAT
AND YOU…
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REVERSE BOOST DECENT!!
DO
N!
HAA!?

TROUBLE?

IF WE EMPLOY IT ON THE FIRST JUMP, WE CAN GAIN THE ALTITUDE WE NEED !
BY PURGING THE PARTS WE DON'T NEED WE'RE LIGHTWEIGHT ENOUGH TO CARRY YOUR JUMP UNIT

D-
DON'T TELL ME IT'S A TWO-MAN OPERATION OF A TACTICAL MACHINE

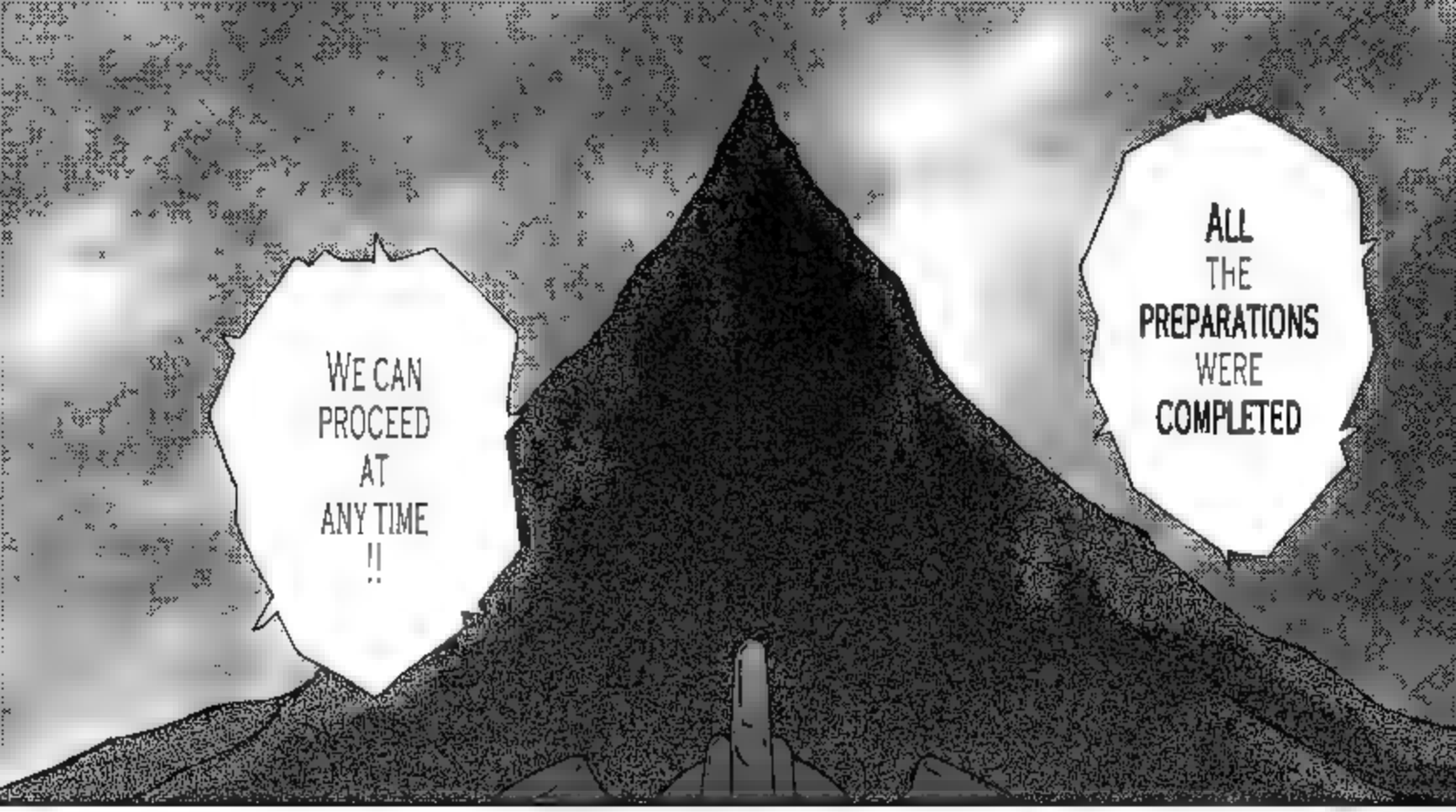
H-
HOWEVER
WON'T IT BE MORE DIFFICULT TO MATCH THE TIMING WITH TWO PEOPLE RATHER THAN ONE ?

MEANING, MAN AND TACTICAL MACHINE, BOTH TECHNIQUES COMBINED !

……
BELIEVE IN US
THAT STUFF ABOUT THE COMPATABILITY OF TWO PEOPLE
……
ANYHOW, WE WOULD DO POORLY INDIVIDUALLY
THIS IS WAY BETTER THAN A ONE-WAY TICKET, RIGHT ?
I BELIEVE IN US
UNDER-STOOD
UH-UH-HM
MY LEG IS A BIT OUT OF REACH
TH-THAT CAN'T BE HELPED, CAN IT
……
MAY I MOVE UP A LITTLE MORE, MEIYA ?
HOWEVER, THIS IS STILL CRAMPED, ISN'T IT
……
!!

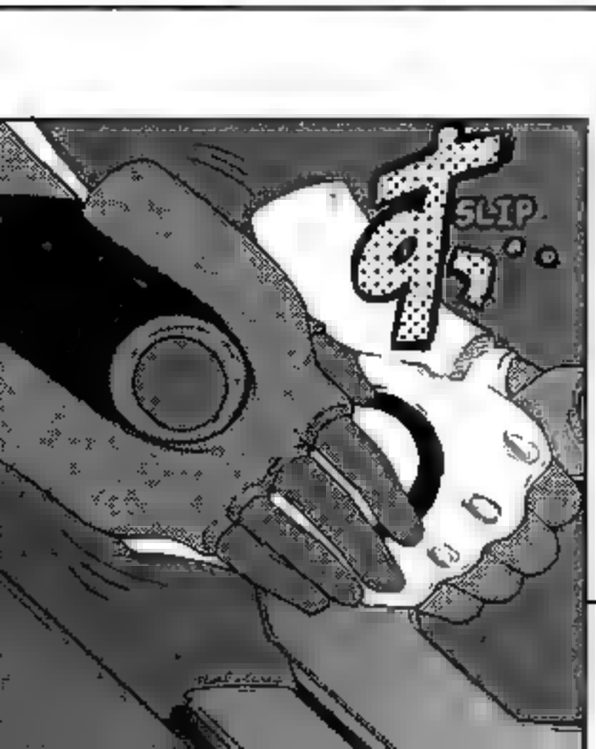
I-
I KNOW THAT
!
THAT GOES
WITHOUT
SAYING
!
M-MY BAD
!
THAT
⋮
WASN'T ON
PURPOSE
!
IT'S A NICE
FRAGRANCE
⋮
IS IT BECAUSE
IT'S MEIYA
?
THE
FRAGRANCE
OF MEIYA'S
HAIR IS
⋮
Hm
—
A
WORD
THAT TIME,
WHEN YOU SAID
WE WOULD
DO THIS
TOGETHER
TAKERU
Y-
⋮
YES,
MA'AM
!?
EH
?

AH…?
YEAH…
THAT IS…
IT'S NOT LIKE I WANTED SUCH MAGNANIMITY, Y'KNOW
I WAS NOT ABLE TO NOTICE IT AT THAT TIME
PLEASE FORGIVE ME
THIS SITUATION
WHAT BECAME MY RESPONSIBILITY…
EH?
I JUST FELT I SIMPLY WANTED TO DO WHATEVER YOU WISHED
WH-WHY SUCH…
WHO KNOWS?
THERE'S AN INTEREST IN DOING SOMETHING THAT HASN'T BEEN DONE, I GUESS?
……
IS THAT SO…


ALL THE PREPARATIONS WERE COMPLETED
WE CAN PROCEED AT ANY TIME !!

YEAH

RIGHT
NOTHING BUT
ABSOLUTE SUCCESS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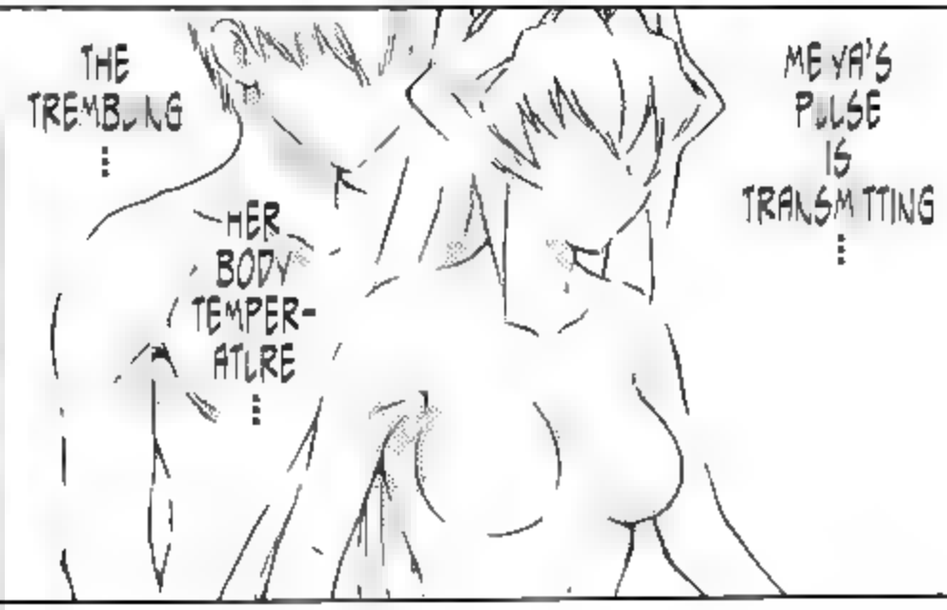
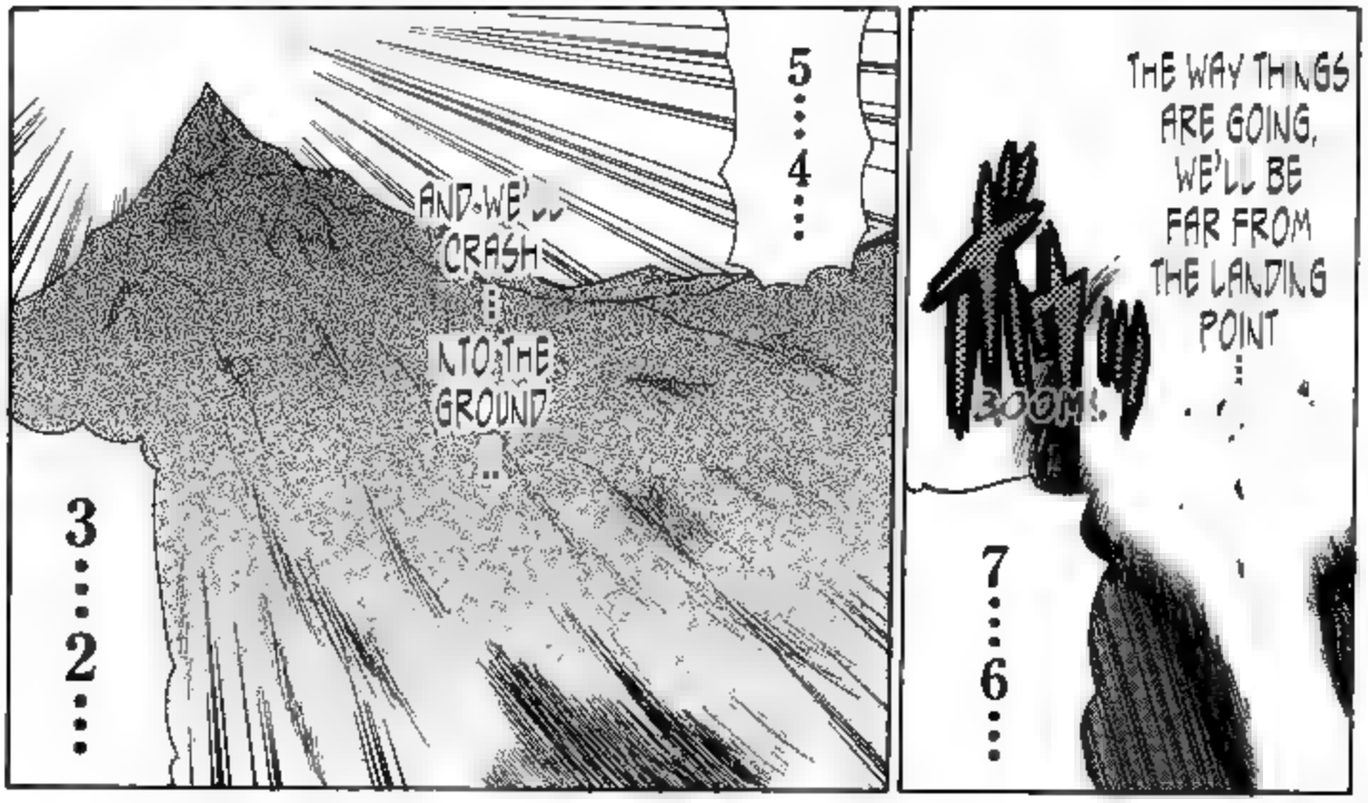

THE TREMBLING ⋮
HER BODY TEMPER-ATURE ⋮
MEIYA'S PULSE IS TRANSMITTING ⋮

THAT'S NOT GOOD
YOU MUST BELIEVE WE CAN DO THIS
YOU'RE SHAK NG

HERE WE GO, NEIYA !
LET'S GARNISH FLOWERS TO OUR VIOLATION OF COMMAND, SHALL WE !?
ROGER !!
READY WHEN YOU ARE !!
20 SECOND GLIDE !
20702 THRUSTERS AT FULL THROTTLE !!!
FUSELAGE ARISE AND FLY (GASP !!
20702 PURGED ! 20706 THRUSTERS AT FULL THROTTLE !!

FURTHER FUBUKI!!
(GASP) !!
22…21…20…
THAT'S GOOD! KEEP GOING!!
THE ALTITUDE ISN'T COMING OUT AS PLANNED.?
REACHING ALTITUDE, MINUS 40!
IF WE BOOST FURTHER THAN THIS OUR RETURN FUEL WILL…!
ビリ RATTLE
ビリ RATTLE
ビリ RATTLE
12…11…10…


THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING, WE'LL BE FAR FROM THE LANDING POINT
BOOM!
7……6……
5……4……
AND WE'LL CRASH INTO THE GROUND
3……2……

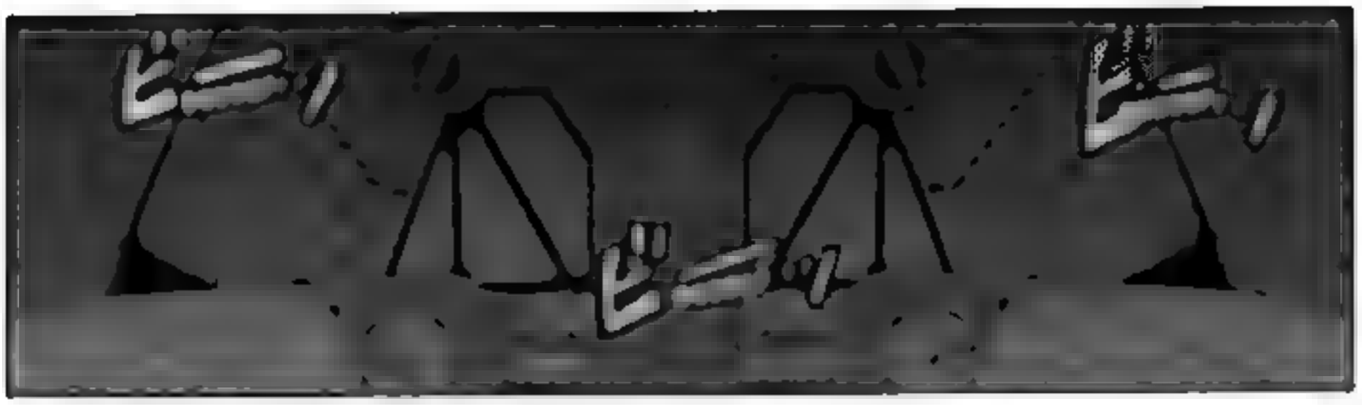
1……!

GIVE ME YOUR COMMAND !!

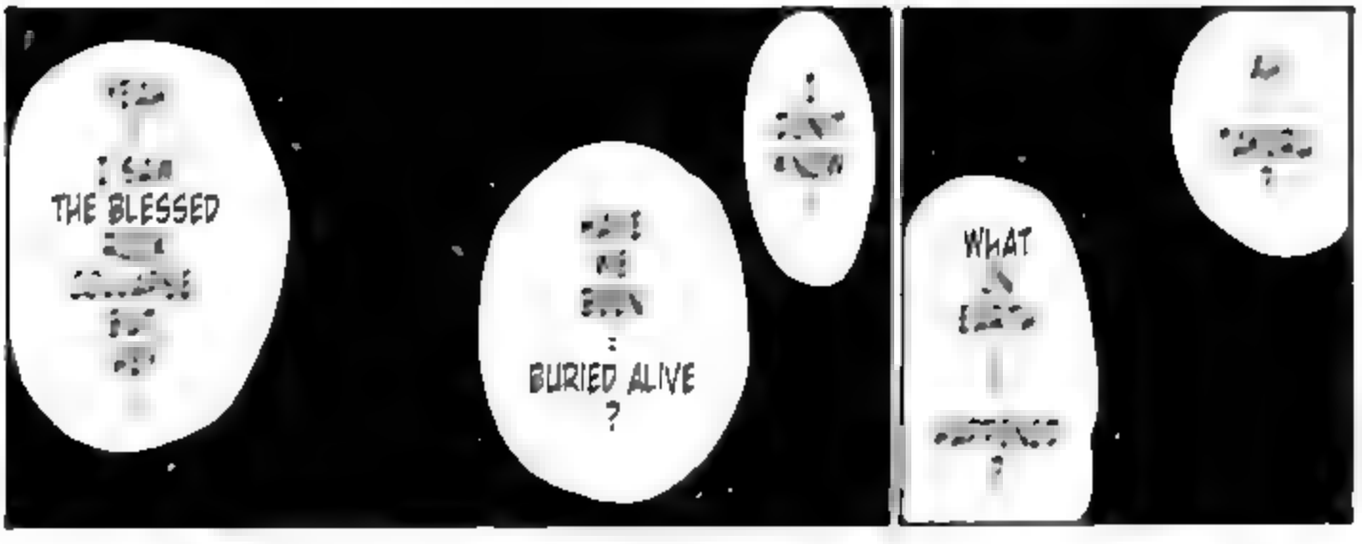
WE'VE COME TOO FAR TO BACK OUT (GASP) !!!

CHOP IT OFF, MEIYAAAA !!
AAAAAAA!!!

CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE!
KRRRUUUTTTSH


ビー!
ビー!
ビー!

ゴリン…


THE BLESSED
BURIED ALIVE
?
WHAT

TO TELL THE TRUTH, MEIYA, I EVEN FANTED EARLIER

IS THAT SO

THEN YOU HAD PEACE AND QUIET THE MOST

I WONDER

NOTHING WE CAN DO ANYMORE BUT PRAY, YKNOW

WE POSSIBLY MIGHT NOT BE RESCUED

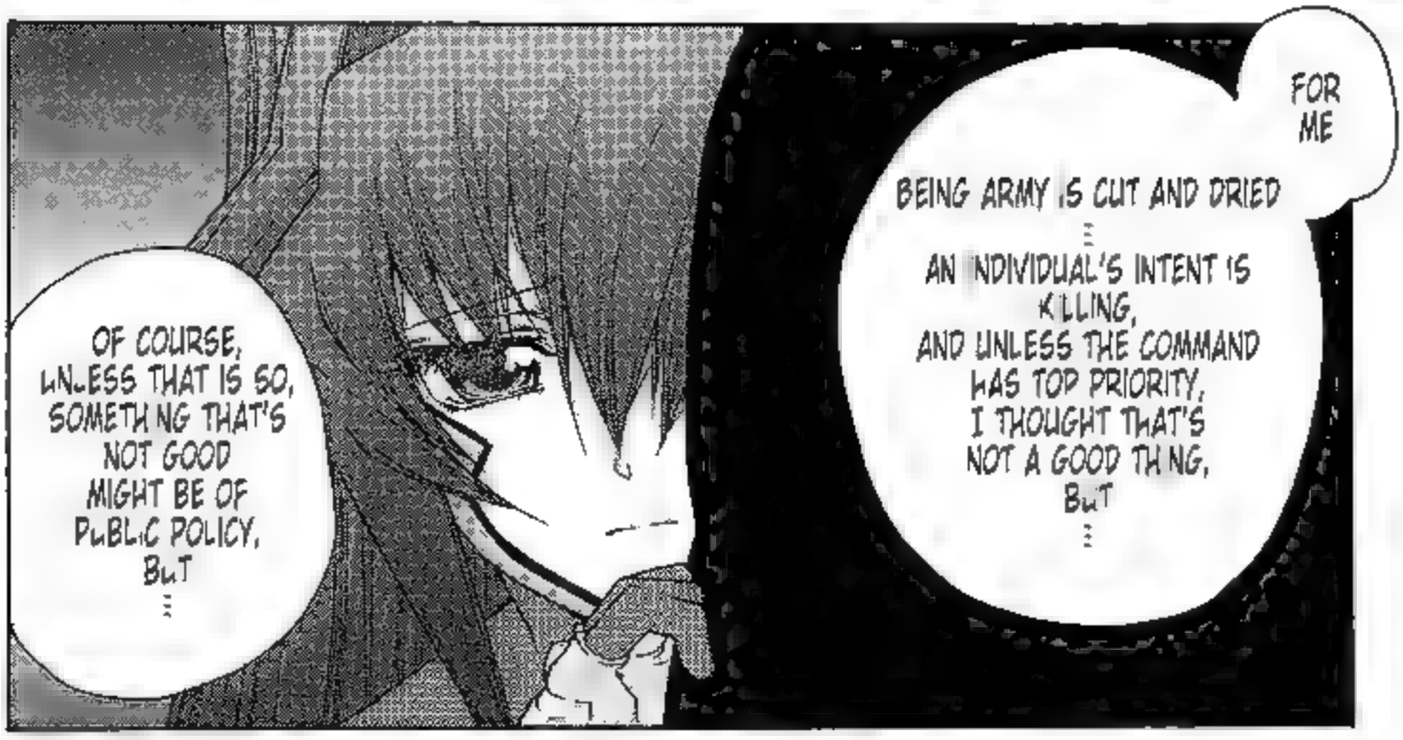
OH MAN

DON'T EVEN SAY SUCH THINGS

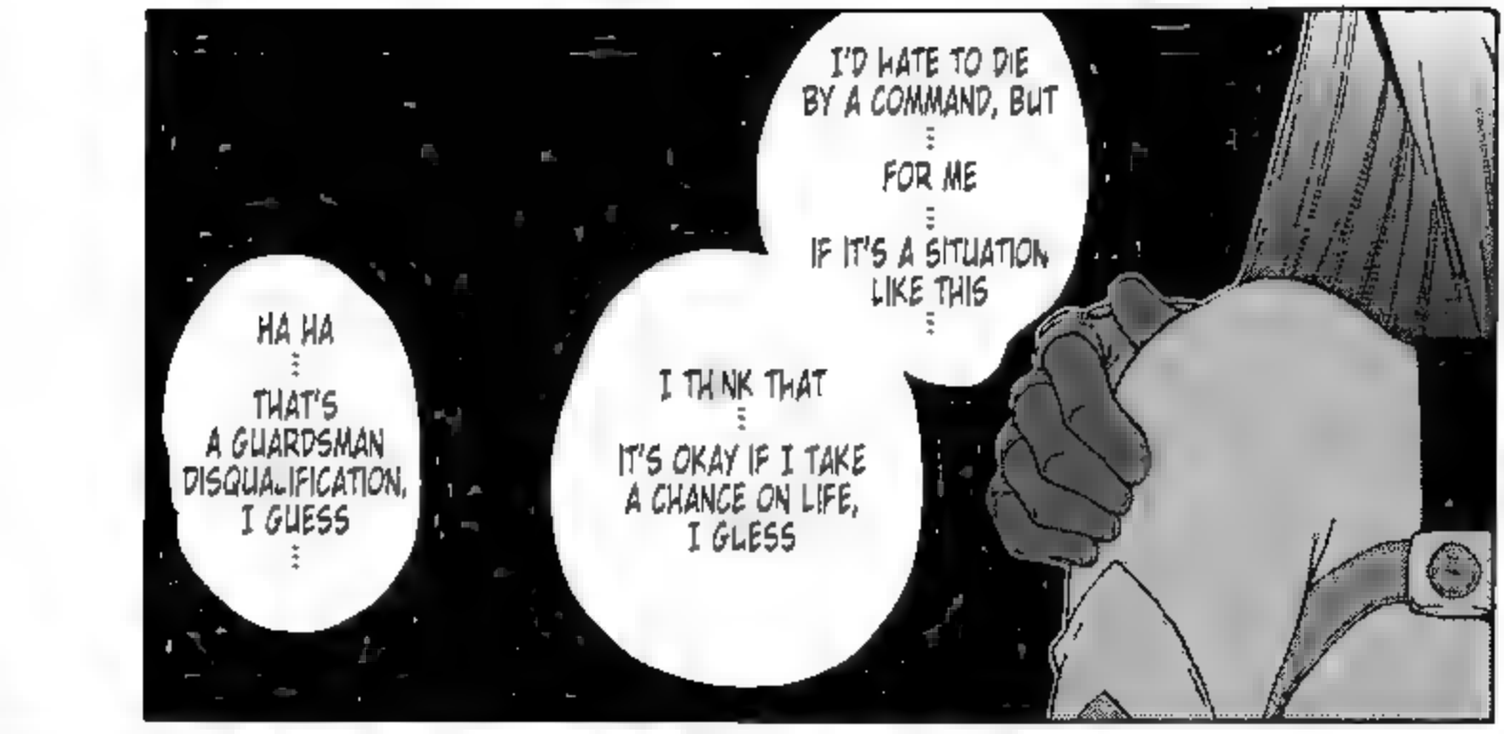
I KNOW THAT Y'KNOW
ACCORDINGLY, EVEN THE EMERGENCY OXYGEN S ENOUGH PRESUMABLY FOR ONE PERSON
PLEASE LISTEN TO ME SERIOUSLY
THE ORIGINAL PASSENGER PROVISIONS OF THE FUBUKI S FOR ONE PERSON
I'M
PLEASE FORGIVE ME
I HAVE NO EXCUSE FOR THAT
THIS THING I HAVE DRAGGED YOU INTO
HOWEVER
AS IT IS, A RESCUE
AH (GASP)
DON'T BE TALKING LIKE THAT
YOU DIDN'T DRAG ME INTO ANYTHING Y'KNOW

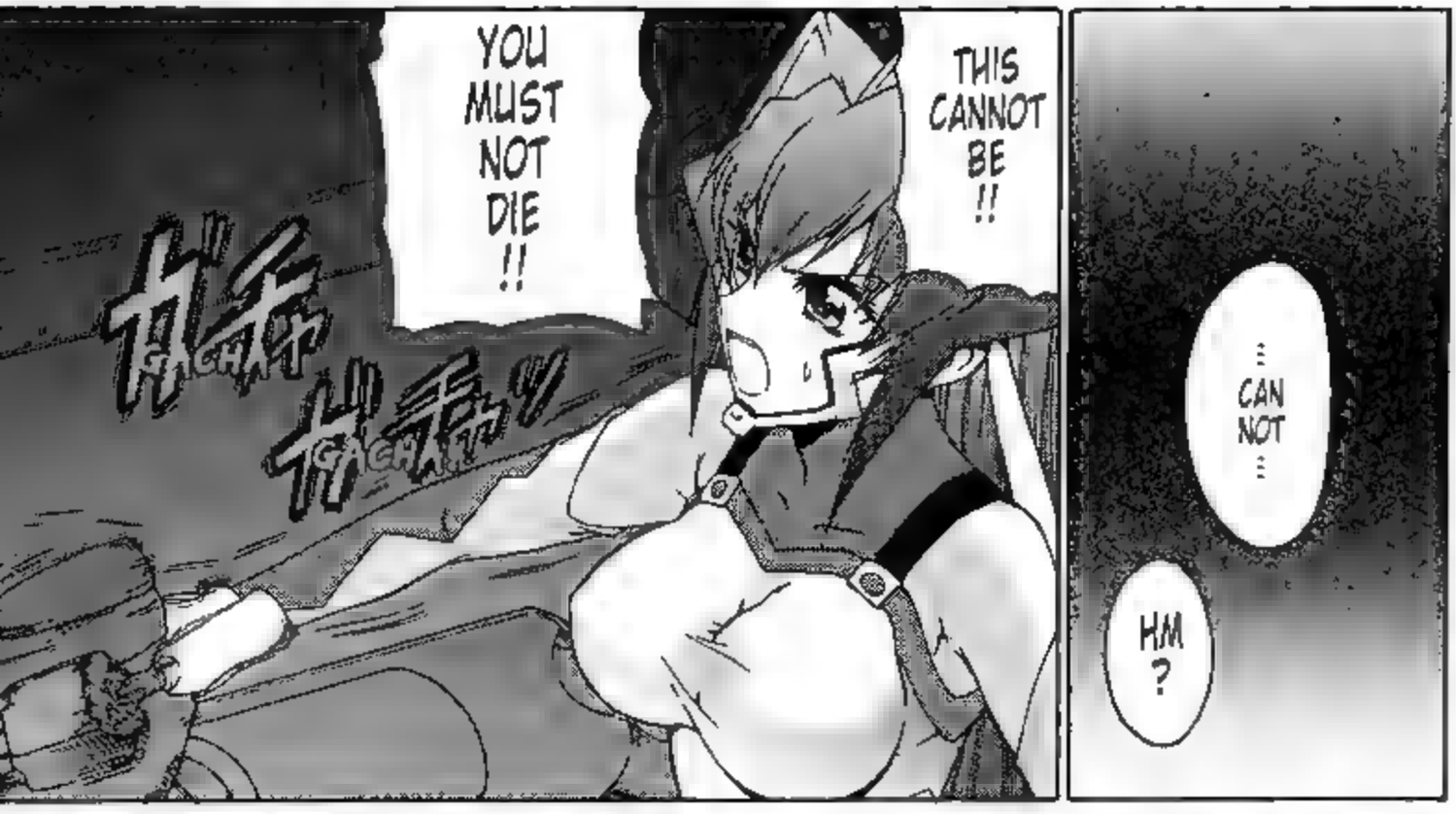
HA HA
I'M BEING SOMEWHAT CALM
AREN'T I
BEFORE, I WOULD BE TERRIBLY AFRAID OF SOMETHING LIKE THIS

GROOOAN
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
A COLLAPSE AGAIN, PERHAPS


OF COURSE, UNLESS THAT IS SO, SOMETHING THAT'S NOT GOOD MIGHT BE OF PUBLIC POLICY, BUT
FOR ME
BEING ARMY IS CUT AND DRIED
AN INDIVIDUAL'S INTENT IS KILLING, AND UNLESS THE COMMAND HAS TOP PRIORITY, I THOUGHT THAT'S NOT A GOOD THING, BUT

SOMEHOW
I GUESS I'D SAY THAT I CAN'T, LIKE, WIN A BATTLE
I GUESS I'D SAY THAT THERE'S NO SENSE FIGHTING
IF I IGNORE THE FEELINGS OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE THERE
THE PERSONNEL ON THE SCENE AND THE CIVILIANS

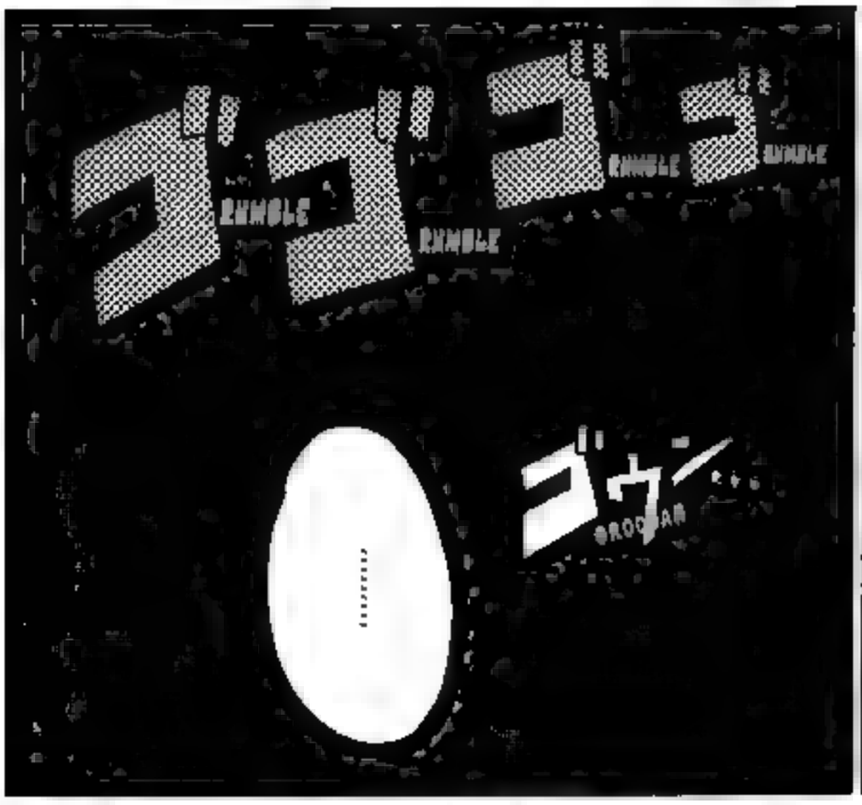

I'D HATE TO DIE BY A COMMAND, BUT ⋮ FOR ME ⋮ IF IT'S A SITUATION LIKE THIS ⋮
I THINK THAT ⋮ IT'S OKAY IF I TAKE A CHANCE ON LIFE, I GUESS
HA HA ⋮ THAT'S A GUARDSMAN DISQUALIFICATION, I GUESS ⋮


YOU MUST NOT DIE !!
THIS CANNOT BE !!
ガチャ GACHA
ガチャ GACHA
⋮ CAN NOT ⋮
HM ?

STOP IT, MEIYA !
I ABSOLUTELY ⋮ JUST FOR YOU !
ガチャ GACHA
ガチャ GACHA
ガチャ GACHA
CAN YOU NOT DO SOMETHING !? CAN YOU NOT MOVE !?
MEIYA !?

NEIVA !!
!?
ENOUGH ALREADY !
ANYTHING YOU SAY

IT'S NOT LIKELY FOR A MAN TO MAKE A PERSON OF THE EMPEROR'S FAMILY CRY, RIGHT ?
IT'S OKAY, Y'KNOW ⋮
SO I FINALLY GOT YOU TO CRY ⋮


ゴゴゴゴ
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
ゴゥ
GROOAN
……

YOU ARE ⋮ THE FIRST ⋮
SNIFFLE
すん

WILL YOU DO ⋮ ANOTHER FIRST ⋮ FOR ME ⋮ ?

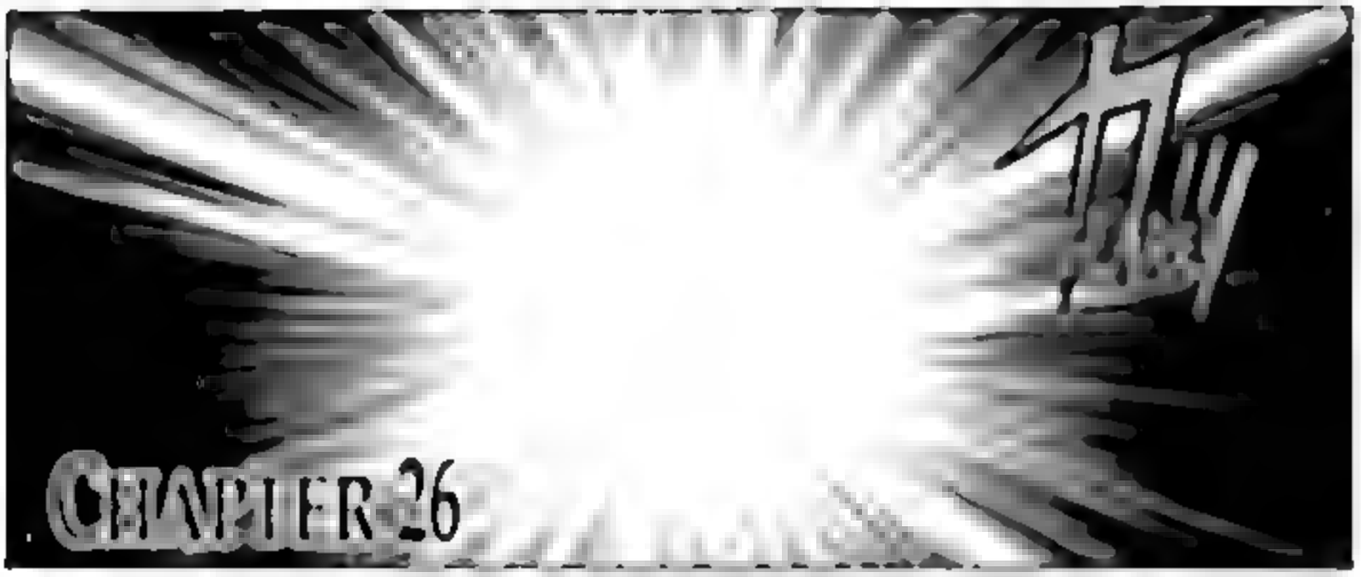
IF SO, THEN ⋮ WILL ⋮
AH YEAH ⋮
YOU WERE SAYING THAT ⋮ YOU WANTED TO DO AS I WISHED, WASN'T IT ⋮

TH-
THAT
THING CALLED
A KISS
ANOTHER FIRST !?
WH- WHAT !?
A KISS !?
OH OH YEAH
A KISS, HUH
I I THINK THAT IT'LL BE GOOD TO EXPERIENCE SUCH A THING THAT IS BEFORE DYING WON'T IT
I-IT'S NOT LIKE I DON'T UNDERSTAND, BUT ARE YOU SURE WITH A GUY LIKE ME
T- TELL ME WHO ELSE IS THERE !
IT IS JUST THE TWO OF US HERE, BUT

IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT !!
TELL ME ...
WHO ELSE IS MY PARTNER OTHER THAN YOU !
DOKUN!
MEI- ...
MEI- ... YA ...
DOKUN = STRONG HEART-BEAT
TOKUN = HEART-BEAT

1...

!!?
AAAH
EEEH
!?



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IT'S INEXCUSABLE
IT IS ENTIRELY MY RESPONSIBILITY
WHY DID YOU IGNORE THE ORDER FOR IMMEDIATE EVACUATION ?
IN ADDITION TO DISOBEYING COMMAND, TWO PUBLICS ARE SERIOUSLY DAMAGED
I GATHER FROM YOUR REMARKS YOU DID NOT MISHEAR THE ORDER
NO, MA'AM, I DID NOT
IT'S BECAUSE WE WERE NOT ABLE TO COMPLETE OUR MISSION AT THAT POINT IN TIME WHEN THE EVACUATION ORDERS WAS GIVEN
AND YOU SAY YOU WANTED TO HELP THAT OLD WOMAN BY DOING SO TO THAT EXTENT ?

YES, MA'AM
AND THIS IS THE ONLY EXPLANATION CORRESPONDING TO HOW ... THE TWO FUBUKIS WERE LOST ?
YOU DECLARED ...
IN ANY CASE, THE SERIES OF CONDUCT ARE ALL MY RESPONSIBILITY
MEIYA ... MITSURUGI COULD NOT HELP BUT COOPERATE RELUCTANTLY
...
FINE, I WILL EXPLAIN TO YOU SOMETHING

EVEN IF YOU DEMONSTRATE SQUAD SOLIDARITY THAT WAY, YOU KNOW
.....
AS SERGEANT, I'M UNENTHUSED
MITSURUGI WAS SAYING THE SAME THING AS YOU, TOO
THAT IT WAS ALL HER RESPONSIBILITY
WHA-...
I'M SORRY
I WILL INFORM YOU OF MORE BAD NEWS
IN THE VOICE RECORDER THAT WAS RECOVERED FROM THE REINFORCED EQUIPMENT WITH THE FUBUKI, THE COMMUNICATION RECORDS OF YOU TWO GRUNTS REMAINED IN ITS ENTIRETY
OF COURSE, IT USED A CONCEALED CIRCUIT TO COMMUNICATE, TOO

DO YOU KNOW WHICH OF THE THREE SOURCES OF INFORMATION I CAN BEST PLACE MY TRUST ON ?
YOUR TESTIMONY, MITSURU'S TESTIMONY, AND THE VOICE RECORDER THAT WAS RECOVERED
!
YES, MA'AM
YOU DO UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE BEING CHARGED FOR TREASON AGAINST HUMANITY BY THE UNITED NATIONS FORCES FOR INTENTIONALLY FALSIFYING A REPORT WHILE ON DUTY, DON'T YOU ?
YES, MA'AM
I DO NOT KNOW
HOW DO YOU THINK THE DATA BECAME THE MOST RELIABLE ?
I WILL TELL YOU ONE MORE GOOD THING IN THE END

DR. KOUDUK TOOK EVERYTHING
THE VOICE RECORDER AND THE COMMUNICATION RECORDS
ONCE IT'S IN THE HANDS OF THAT PERSON, IT MAY NEVER APPEAR AGAIN
IN THE MILITARY, EVEN LIFE IS MEASURED BY THE COST
YOU MUST PROVE IT, RISKING IT THROUGHOUT YOUR LIFE
SOMETHING LIKE THAT OLD WOMAN'S SENTIMENT
YOUR LIFE, MITSURUGI'S LIFE
THE LIVES OF THE WHOLE SQUAD
THE TWO FUBUKIS, YOUR TRAINING EXPENSES, THE NATIONAL EXPENDITURES OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT
AND ABOVE ALL, THE THING WHOSE COST IS HIGHER, NONE OTHER THAN THE LIFE OF THAT OLD WOMAN !!

NINE DAYS IN THE BRIG, IS IT
THAT ALONE IS BETTER THAN EXPECTED, ISN'T IT
.....
YOU'RE ONLY CHOKING EACH OTHER'S NECKS BY DOING SUCH A THING, AND YET
YOU REALLY ARE STUPID, AREN'T YOU
HEH ?

SHE PUT HER HANDS TOGETHER WHILE CRYING FOR YOU TWO, YOU KNOW
EH!?
THE RESIDENT WHOM YOU TWO PROTECTED BY RISKING YOUR LIVES EVACUATED VOLUNTARILY
IS OBAA-SAN…
AH…
IS THAT SO…
BEING IN THERE BY YOURSELF, THINK ABOUT THAT FACT WELL
HOWEVER…
THE THING YOU MUST NEVER FORGET IS THAT, AT TIMES, THERE IS EVEN THE FEAR OF ANNIHILATING THE SQUAD AS WELL AS YOURSELF BY SIMPLY MAKING JUST ONE MISTAKE
YOU TWO PROTECTED THE ONE YOU WANTED TO PROTECT

A QUIET
1 STEP
!?
THE ONE I WANTED TO PROTECT IS
AH (GASP) !?
HU
YOUR LOOKS BECAME A LITTLE BETTER, HAVEN'T THEY
TSUKUYOMI-SAN !
SHIROGANE TAKERU

THA-
THANK ME
?
I CAME TO SAY THANK YOU REGARDING NEIYA-SAMA'S CASE OF LATE
I WISH TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE FOR YOUR EFFORTS, AS YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE
EVEN FOR YOUR LAST STRATEGY, YOUR TACT WAS EFFECTIVE
IT WAS MAGNIFICENT
Y-
YES
TH-
THAT IS
THANKS
WHAT IS IT
?
IF THERE IS SOMETHING YOU WANT SO SAY IT'S GOOD TO SAY IT
WEEEL
MMM
S

GIVEN THAT WE WERE NEARLY GOING TO DIE
I'M THINKING CONTRARILY, THAT YOU MAY BE ANGRY
IF MEIYA-SAMA
.....
IF MEIYA-SAMA WISHES FOR SUCH, THEN THAT IS ALSO GOOD
GOOD
YOU SAY EEH !!?
YOU'RE OKAY WITH THAT !?
ISN'T THAT SOMETHING YOU CAN BE OKAY WITH AS LONG AS YOU'RE LIVING ?

A PERSON CANNOT CHOOSE HIS BIRTHPLACE, BUT
HE CAN CHOOSE HIS MANNER OF DEATH
A PERSON'S MANNER OF DEATH
HIS VERY OWN LIFE ON THE BRINK OF EXISTENCE
THOSE WHO ARE RELATED TO THE EMPEROR'S FAMILY ARE MEASURED BY THEIR OWN MERIT, AND "A PERSON WHO IS NOBLE MUST ALWAYS BE THE EXEMPLAR OF A DIGNIFIED NATION"
THE FACT IS THAT A PERSON WHO INHERITS LIFE IN THE EMPEROR'S FAMILY ALWAYS STANDS IN THE FOREFRONT TO SHED BLOOD

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WISH TO TELL MEIYA-SAMA ?
IF YOU CAN TELL HER THAT SHE CAN RELAX
'CAUSE I'VE TAKEN ALL THE RESPONSIBILITY HERE AND IT'S NOT A PROBLEM AT ALL
YEAH
THAT'S RIGHT
HUH
IT'LL BE COOL I THINK
THAT IS SUCH A CONVENIENT SPEECH, ISN'T IT
O-OF COURSE
WELL, IT'S CORNY, BUT
SHE MAY KNOW ALL THAT
MEIYA-SAMA IS UNDER HOUSE ARREST AT THE ARMY HOSPITAL, BUT

ANYWAY, PLEASE TELL HER…
TO GET WELL SOON
UNDER-STOOD

TAKERU…

THE CONVERSATION IN THE FUBUKI ...
へにゃ～
WE HEARD EVERYTHING, HUH ...
MENU A
MENU B
THAT'S BECAUSE THE ONLY THING BROKEN IN TAKERU-SAN'S FUBUK WAS THE RECEIVER ...
SMOOOOCH ...
EVEN IF WE DON'T HEAR ANYTHING, WITH THE WAY THINGS
ENOUGH ALREADY, OKAY
BROKEN-HEARTED ?
WHO IS (GASP) !!
ガビーン!!
A DEFEAT ?
.....
WHAT IS

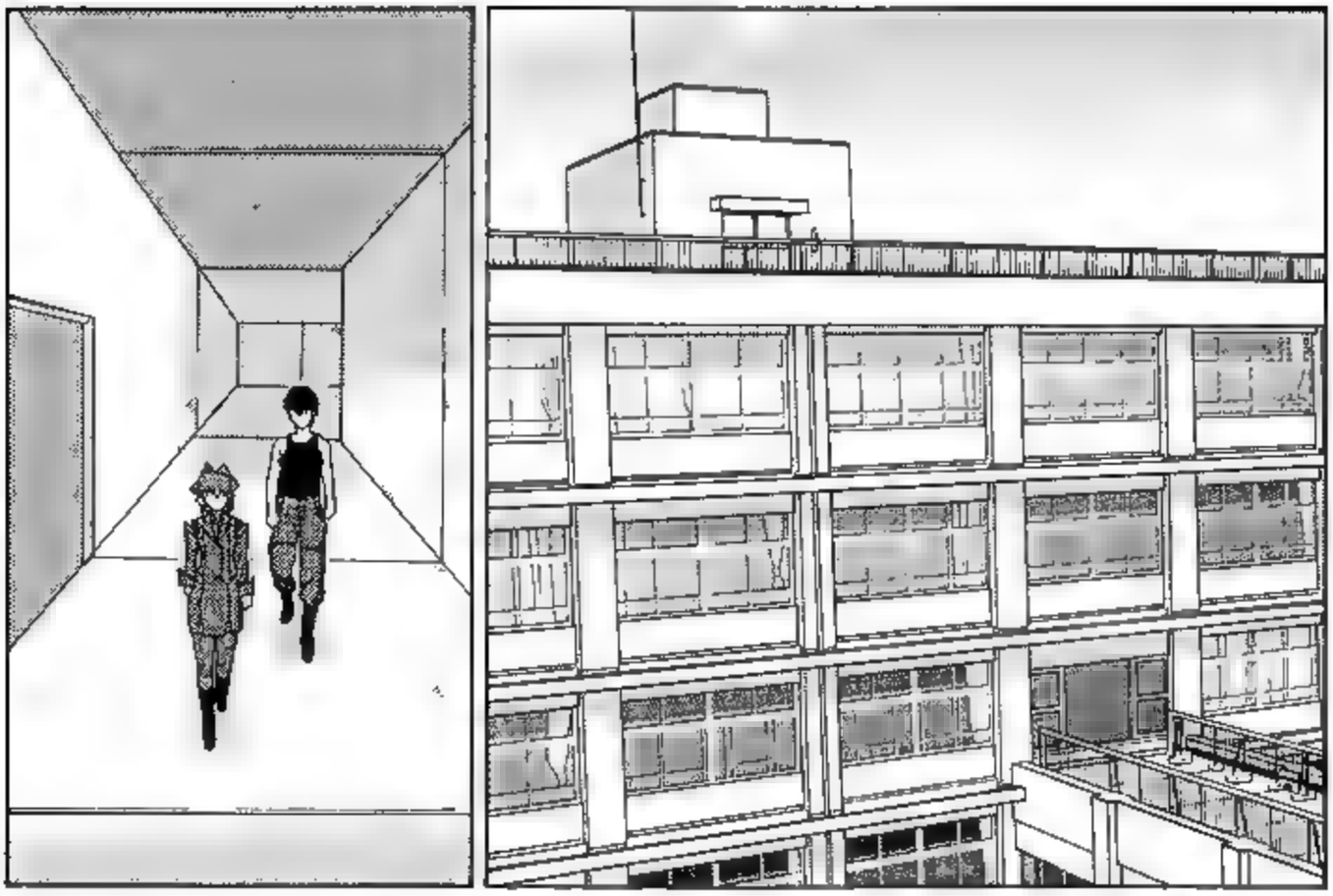
STILL, MITSURAGI-SAN WAS, YOU KNOW...
SO... UNEXPECTEDLY BOLD
IT'S STRANGE, ISN'T IT? THAT WE HAVEN'T HAD TRAINING THESE PAST SEVERAL DAYS
WE HAVE THINGS TO DO ELSEWHERE, RIGHT!?
LOOK! NO MATTER WHAT, DON'T BE TALKING LIKE THAT!!
WE'RE OFF DUTY, IN FACT
WAS THERE... SOMETHING, PERHAPS...?
A LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO HEAL THE WOUND OF A BROKEN HEART...
THERE'S NO REASON FOR STUFF LIKE THAT, ALL RIGHT

SHAKE
SHAKE
J-
JUST A LITTLE MORE
HEH
HENYUU
SHAKE
SHAKE
KASUMI
A LITTLE MORE
UH
UH
N
NU
NWAH !?
HA (GASP)
A
A DREAM
!?
SUDDEN
HE
HE
HE
HE
GET UP QUICKLY, TAKERU !
OR I WILL EAT YOU !!

KA-
KASUMI
!?
GOOD MORNING
IS IT OKAY COMING TO THE BRIG !?
CHUNK
HERE
ｲｲ～…
WH-WHAT
?
IS THIS
A SKETCHBOOK
?
YOU'RE GIVING IT TO ME ?
BIRTHDAY

BIRTHDAY
EH...?
B-BIRTHDAY, YOU SAY
.....
AH...!!
SO IS IT MINE!?
TH-THANK YOU FOR G VING THIS TO ME
EH.....?

THE GA-…
THE GAME-GUY !?
WHY …!?
HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE GAME-GUY, KASUMI !?
ピク!
……
AH (GASP)
O-OI!
…BAI BAI
スィー…
SHE LEFT……
YU-YUUKO-SENSEI DIDN'T RANSACK MY ROOM, DID SHE…?



WHAT IS IT
SINCE IT'S YOUR LONG-AWAITED RELEASE FROM THE GUARDHOUSE MAKE LIKE YOUR A LITTLE HAPPIER
HAA
YES, MA'AM
YOU'RE RIGHT, HUH
YOUR FACE LOOKS AS BEFUDDLED AS EVER

LET'S HURRY TO WHERE THEY'RE ALL
OH MY ?
EVERYONE'S FACES ARE BECOMING SIMILARLY BEFUDDLED AS YOURS

TO THINK TSUKUYOMI-SAN PRAISED ME DESPITE THIS !
LIKE, HAS ANYTHING CHANGED ?

S-
SALUTE
!!

YOU WERE WORRIED THE MOST
LIKE I SAID, AS SQUAD LEADER !!

WHAT'S THIS ? EVERYONE ASSEMBLED ⋮ AND CAME TO MEET SHIROGANE ?
OR IS IT BECAUSE YOU'RE ALL OFF DUTY ?
TH- (GASP) ⋮ THIS IS MY ROLE AS SQUAD LEADER !

UWAA ～N TAKERU～!
YOU WERE ALIVE, WEREN'T YOU ～ (GASP) !!

AYAMINE-SAN WAS ALSO TERRIBLY DEPRESSED, huh
TAMASE WAS RESTLESS DAY IN AND DAY OUT, TOO, LIKE THAT ⋮

SEE HERE!
DON'T BE KILLING OFF TAKERU ARBITRARILY!
HA (GASP)!?
FLINCH
WHA-...WHAT IS IT!?
THIS "FEELING"...!?
CHILL
I, TOO, FORMALLY APOLOGIZE
IT WAS INEXCUSABLE
I TROUBLED YOU
YOU GUYS
I'M SORRY THAT
.....

IT'S FINE, ALREADY, ISN'T IT !
YOU GUYS ⋮
TRUE
YOU'RE BOTH SAFE, THAT'S WHY
SHIRO-GANE
THIS IS A THING CALLED CAMARADERIE, YOU KNOW
SOMEDAY ⋮ SOMEBODY SOMEWHERE WILL, IN A WAY, EMBRACE THAT FEELING YOU'RE FEELING
DO SOMETHING FOR THE SAKE OF SOMEONE, TOO, SHIROGANE
PRO-FESSOR ⋮
YES, MA'AM !!

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THERE HASN'T BEEN ANY TRAINING SINCE I CAME OUT OF THE BRIG, RIGHT ?
AS CADETS OF THE YOKOHAMA BASE TRAINING SCHOOL, WHICH IS THE FOREMOST LINE OF DEFENSE IN THE FAR EAST, WE CANNOT BE AGREEABLE TO THIS, CAN WE, LADIES !
IN THAT CASE, GO DO SOME INDEPENDENT TRAINING, YOU
I DON'T WANNA DO THAT 'CAUSE IT'S COLD OUTSIDE
ARE YOU A WEAKLING !?
THIS IS OUR ONLY TIME OFF
IF WE DO A 20 KM RUN WHILE BEARING OUR EQUIPMENT
WE MAY NOT HAVE ROOM TO THINK ABOUT OUR FREE TIME AND THE LIKE
EH (GASP)
AH !
HM ?
WHAT'S WRONG ?
YOU'RE STARING AT ME !

IT'S ...
IT'S NOTHING
WE HAD THAT SORT OF THING, AND YET
ACTUALLY SINCE THEN THERE IS NOTHING LIKE ...
THIS WAS NOTHING LIKE THE FACE
もわ〜ん
WHAT IS SHE THINKING
THAT MEYA ...

SFX, TOP PANEL MOWA-N (もわ〜ん) = STEAMY THOUGHTS

*1 atto-second = 1/1,000,000,000,000,000,000 second = a tr illionth second; the t me it takes for l ght to trave the length of three hydrogen atoms.

SENSEI
WAS THERE SOMETHING WRONG ?
WHAT ?
SE-
SENSEI ?
TCH
.....
IT'S UNPLEASANT, ISN'T IT

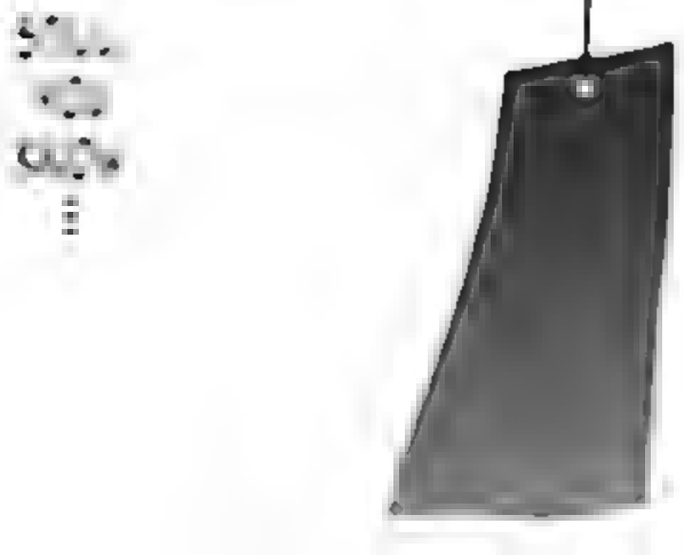
Furthermore, several days later
ガラッ…
SO BLAH～～～…
WE HAVEN'T HAD NEITHER A LECTURE NOR TRAINING FOR HOW MANY DAYS ALREADY ?
AREN'T YOU CONCERNED, CLASS REP ? IT'S WEIRD, ISN'T IT !
BECAUSE～～
YOU EVEN HAVE AYAMINE JOINING YOU …
STOP IT, I SAY
ISN'T IT GETTING TENSE, SOMEWHAT ?
THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE ENTIRE BASE IS STRANGE, SOMEHOW, HUH …
IT CAN'T BE HELPED, ALL RIGHT ? EVEN THE PROFESSOR IS BUSY DOING SOMETHING
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M NOT CONCERNED, BUT …

WHEN I WAS ON THE FENCE ON THE ROOFTOP WATCHING THE SKY ⋮ THE PROFESSOR WAS YELLING AT ME
EVEN THE PROFESSOR WAS GETTING IRRITATED
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, THE PROFESSOR WAS ANGRY
HM ? AT WHO ?
WE ARE CADETS, YOU KNOW ! THERE'S NO EXCUSE FOR ACTING SO CAREFREE, OKAY
ANY-WAY !
I WAS REFLECTING
THAT WOULD MAKE HER ANGRY, ALL RIGHT ⋮
WHEN CAN WE GRADUATE ! ⋮
⋮ I WONDER ⋮

DON'T YOU THINK THAT TIME IS BEING WASTED LIKE THIS ?
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT
EH ?
BECAUSE ⋮ THERE'S NO TRAINING, AND
ON TOP OF THAT, THERE'S NO COMMUNICATION ABOUT IT, EITHER, AND ⋮
THAT SORT OF THING ISN'T LIKELY
HOWEVER, WE CAN SURELY SAY THAT THIS TIME IS TOO SIGNIFICANT
IS IT FROM FAILING ⋮ ONCE ?
DO YOU REALLY THINK IT'S SOMETHING LIKE THAT ?
LIKE WHAT ?
TH- THIS IS OUR TRAINING, TOO, YOU KNOW !
DEPENDING ON HOW WE SPEND OUR TIME ⋮ THIS CAN BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY ⋮
IF ANYTHING, IT'S NOT LIKE THE MOOD OF OUR SITUATION ISN'T SIMILAR TO THAT OF OUR INSTRUCTORS, BUT ⋮

SO BLAH～～～…
ぼけー～…
AH…
OH!…
IT SEEMS LIKE SNOWFALL TO ME, DOESN'T IT?
WHEN IT SNOWS, Y'KNOW ～ (GASP) !!
SNOW, IS IT
DON'T LIKE IT, NO SIR
SHOVELING SNOW AND SUCH IS A MAJOR PAIN, AND
SNOW IS SOMETHING THAT A CHILD AND DOG WHO DON'T HAVE TO WORK CAN BE DELIGHTED WITH, Y'KNOW
ギクリッ!
NOW LET'S GET BACK TO THE MAIN SUBJECT
RIGHT (WHISP) !! THAT'S RIGHT, HUH ～!
B-BY THE WAY… HOW 'BOUT WE DO… THAT… 24 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS?
HAA?
IS THERE SOMETHING… TO DO IN WHAT WAY?
…HEH?

SIGN: SHOUGATSU (正月) = NEW YEAR



WELL, CERTAINLY

FOR THE JAPAN OF "THIS WORLD", A THING LIKE A CHRISTMAS PARTY WOULDN'T BE A CUSTOM THAT IS UNDERSTOOD BY EVERYONE, BUT

TANABATA (七夕) = THE STAR FESTIVAL (JULY 7)

KADOMATSU (門松) = A NEW YEAR'S DECORATION MADE OF A PINE AND BAMBOO

A PICTURE OF A KADOMATSU IS ADORNED OVER HERE

AND

AAAH

THESE ARE, IN EVERY RESPECT, STRIPS OF PAPER FOR TANABATA, RIGHT !?

IT'S WRONG !!

MERRYYY CHISTMAAAS

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY THAT I'M WISHING FOR IS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING LIKE THIS (GASP) !

WELL, AYAMINE WAS SAYING THAT BECAUSE IT WILL TAKE A LOT OF EFFORT DECORATING BY OURSELVES

IT WILL BE BORING UNLESS WE LOCALIZE IT

ローカライズ
LOCALIZE

正月

HER, IS IT ...

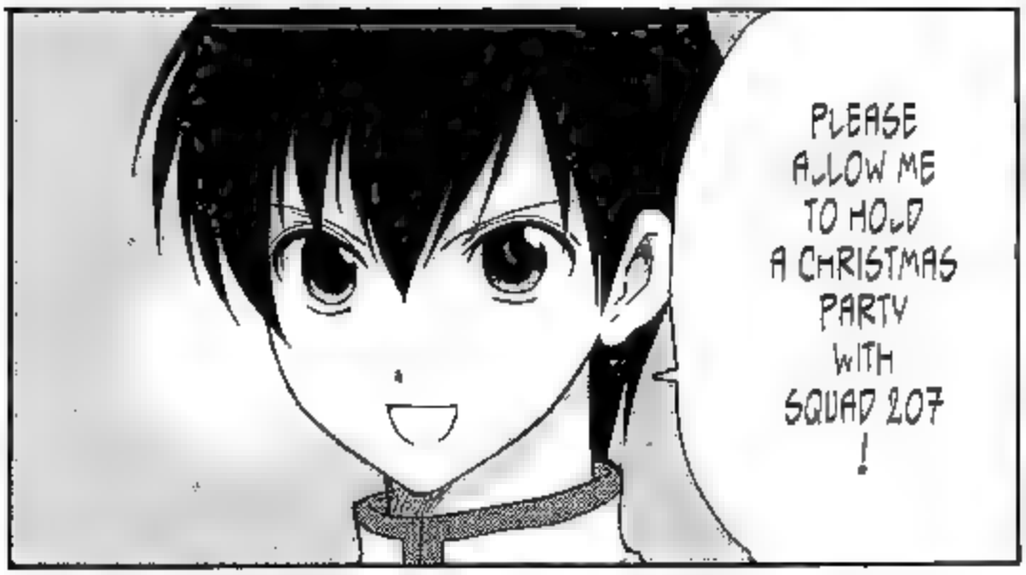
WHETHER IT IS GOOD OR NOT, THE FACT IS AYAMINE IS ENJOYING IT, TOO

AYAMINE'S SIGN: SHOUGATSU (正月) = NEW YEAR

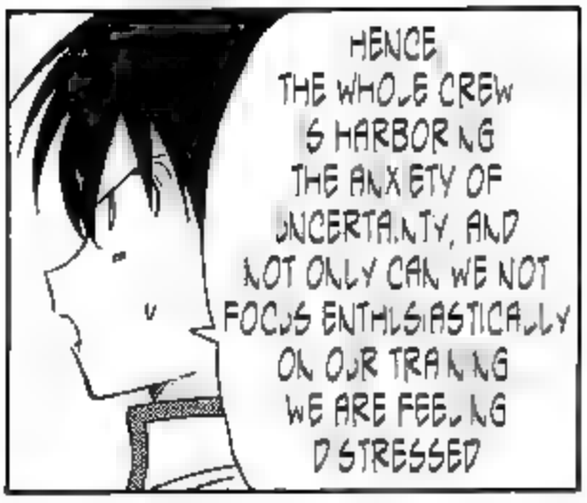
IT'S FROM KYOUDZUKA-SAN OF THE CAFETERIA
JUICE ?
THAT'S RIGHT
IF WE'RE ABLE TO MANAGE THIS UNCERTAIN TENSE ATMOSPHERE, IT'S NOT BAD
AH CLASS REP
WHAT'S THAT YOU'RE HOLDING ?
JUICE ⋮ TEA ⋮ AND DRY SNACKS ⋮
HERE CHIDZURU-CHAN, TAKE THIS!!
ESSENTIALS FOR A FESTIVAL
THUD
I- ISN'T THIS SAKE !?
THE PROFESSOR SEEMS TO BE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION ⋮
ISN'T IT STRANGE ⋮ SOMEHOW ?
MAR.MO-CHAN, TOO ?
COME TO THINK OF IT, EVEN AT THAT TIME ⋮

I GOTTA TALK TO YOU !
CAN'T WE DO THIS LATER ?
IF YOU COULD, JUST HEAR ME OUT !

AH THERE YOU ARE, PROFESSOR !!
HM SHRO-GANE ?


PLEASE ALLOW ME TO HOLD A CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH SQUAD 207 !

IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG YOU WANT TO DISCUSS ?
WELL, FINE WHAT'S IT


HENCE THE WHOLE CREW IS HARBORING THE ANXIETY OF UNCERTAINTY, AND NOT ONLY CAN WE NOT FOCUS ENTHUSIASTICALLY ON OUR TRAINING WE ARE FEELING DISTRESSED

A CHRISTMAS ⋮ PARTY !?
LATELY, WE KEEP DOING INDEPENDENT TRAINING DAY AFTER DAY, CONTINUOUSLY, BUT WE ARE NEVER TOLD OF THE REASONS AND SO FORTH

.....

SO AS YOU LIKE
WHEN I ASKED THEM, THEY, EXCEPT FOR THE SQUAD LEADER, DIDN'T EVEN SEEM TO KNOW ABOUT CHRISTMAS. AND SO THIS OPPORTUNITY CAN SERVE AS BOTH RECREATION AND ⋮

IF YOU EXPERIENCE SOME TROUBLE YOU MAY GIVE MY NAME OR DR. KOUDZUKI'S
YOU MAY USE UP TO THE FOURTH LEVEL OF THE BASEMENT AS YOU LIKE, EXCEPT FOR THE MAIN HEAD-QUARTERS
EH !?

SETTING THAT ASIDE, THERE'S STILL STRIPS OF PAPER REMAINING
SHALL WE WRITE A WISH ?
SAKAKI, TAKERU
LET'S DO SOMETHING NICE, SHALL WE
.....
SHE GAVE PERMISSION FOR THE PARTY WITH NO OBJECTIONS
⋮
IT WAS UNUSUALLY EASY
WHAT'S GOING ON ?

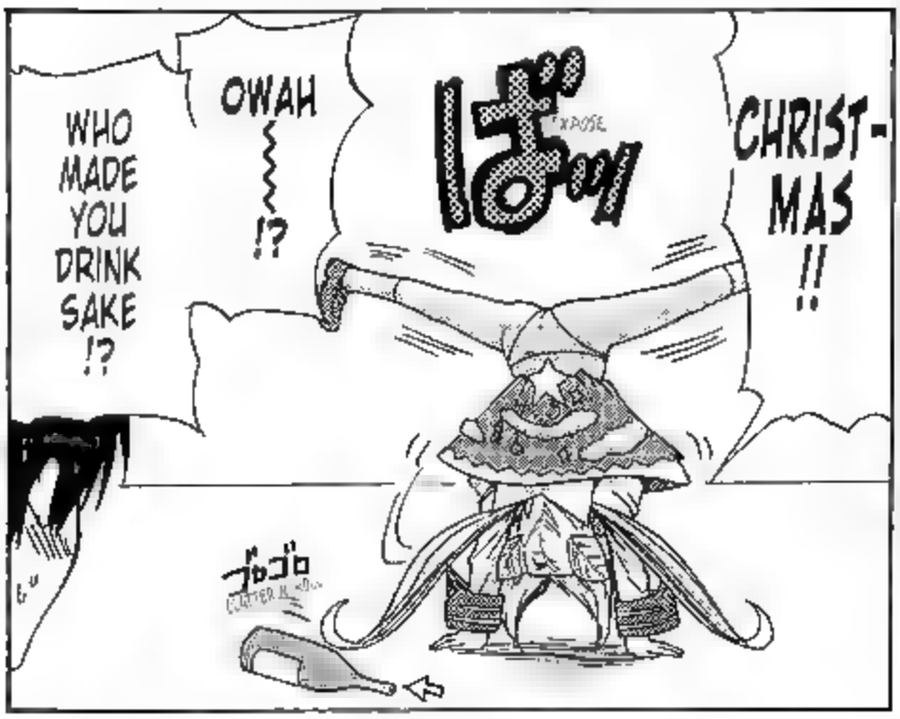
.....
IS THAT SO
I'M GOOD
I WANNA GO AND DELIVER THIS
I THINK THAT THIS WAS A VERY GOOD SUGGESTION
HM ?
THIS IS A GOOD OPPOR-TUNITY
LET'S ENJOY THIS FRIVOLITY TO THE FULLEST
YEAH
THIS CHRISTMAS PARTY
EACH AND EVERYONE OF US MUST HAVE FELT CONFUSED AND DISTRESSED
THAT EQUIVOCAL ANXIETY THAT SOMETHING MIGHT HAPPEN
...

STYLE SANDWHICH WITH FRIED CHOW MEIN NOODLES (SOBA).
APPARENTLY IN PANEL 2,
IT'S A COMBUSTIBLE (YAKI) JOKE (SOBA) BREAD (PAN)

TO WATCH THE SNOW WITH THIS KIND OF FEELING
IT'S BEEN A LONG WHILE, HASN'T IT
ROMANTIC HUH
DOESN'T SEEM SO MUCH, TO ME DOESN'T IT
WE'VE NEVER BEEN ALONE TOGETHER SINCE THEN
HU HU IT SEEMS FUN, HUH

AH (GASP)
TEN-HUT !!
IT'S OKAY
LET'S DO WITHOUT THAT SORT OF STUFF FOR TODAY
I'M SORRY ABOUT YOUR HECTIC WORK SCHEDULE
BECAUSE YOU GENEROUSLY GAVE US PERMISSION FOR THIS PARTY, IF YOU COULD AT LEAST JOIN US FOR A TOAST
YEAH THAT'LL BE NICE

P-
PRO-
FESSOR
?
ARE
ARE YOU
CRYING
?
AH
A-A
(GASP)
IT'S
NOTHING
I JUST
FELT
A BIT
SAD,
BUT
.....
.....



MIKOTO'S SIGN: FUJI (富士), AS IN JAPAN'S FAMOUS MOUNTAIN/VOLCANO

WEEELL
IT'S ALL GOOD, ISN'T IT ?
HUHU
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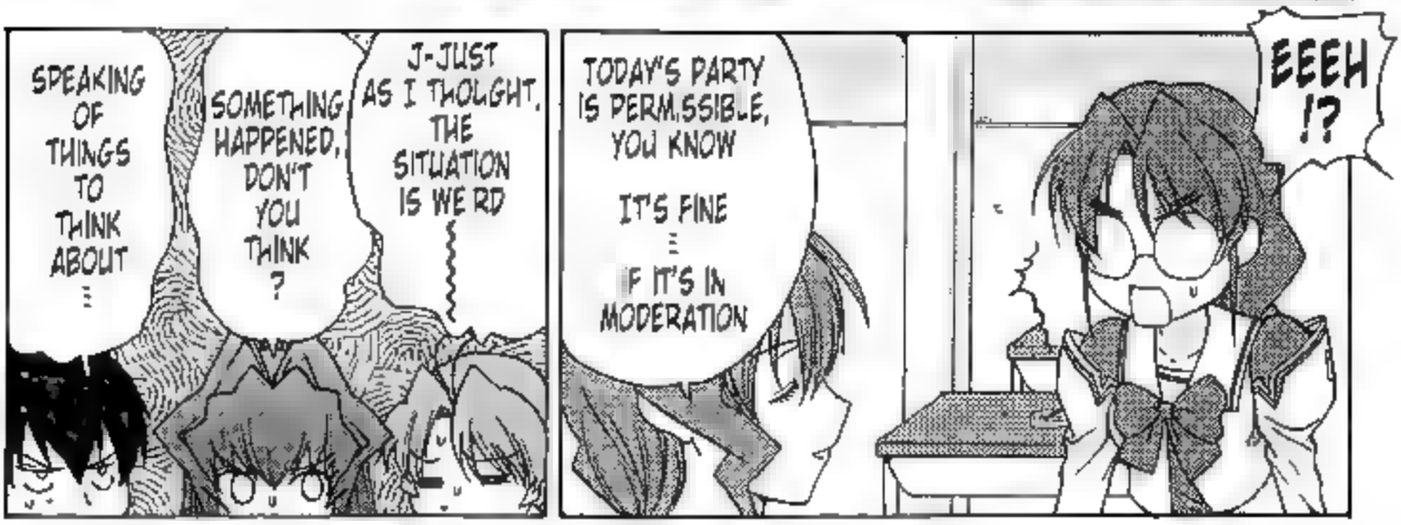
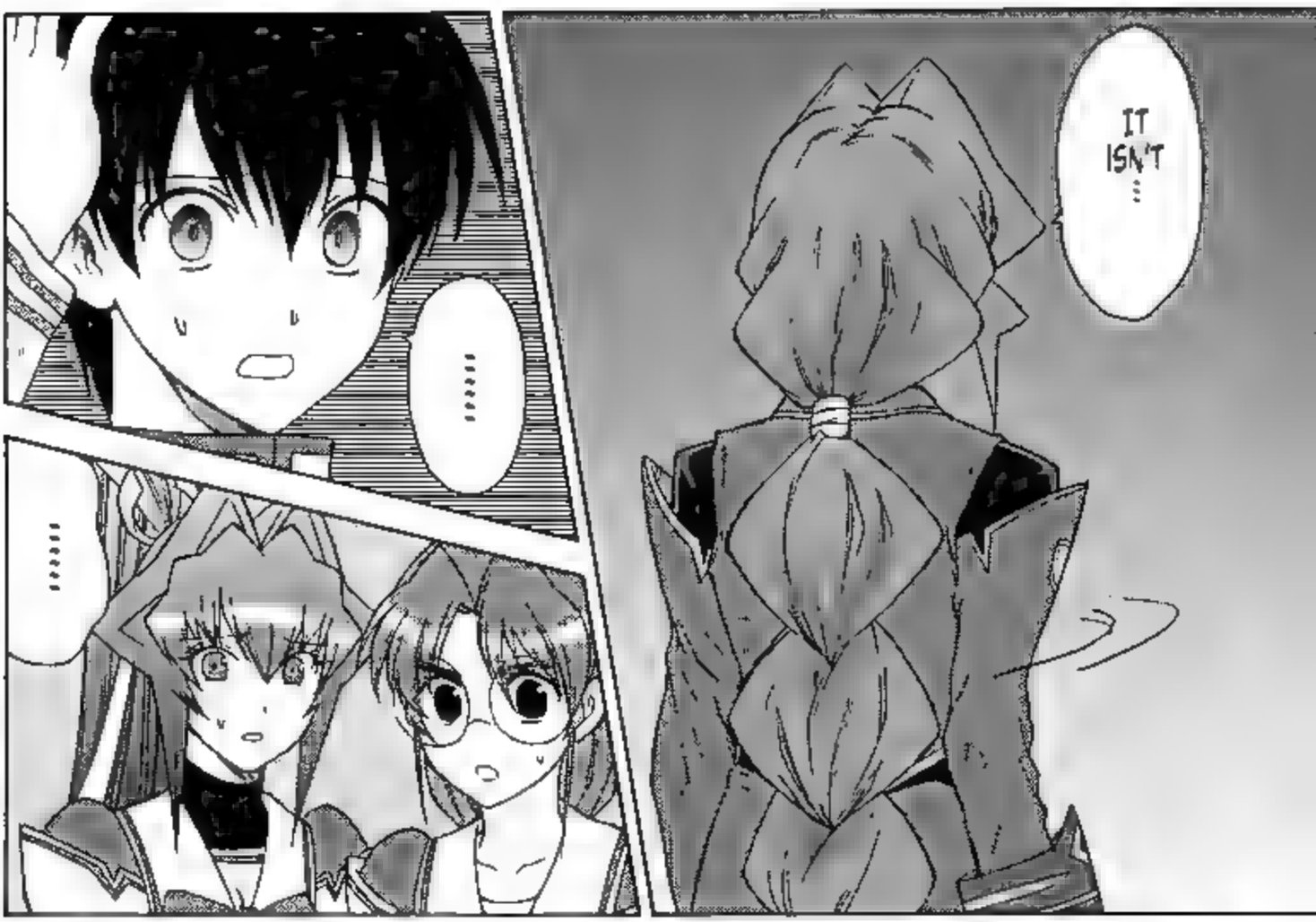

SPEAKING OF THINGS TO THINK ABOUT
SOMETHING HAPPENED, DON'T YOU THINK ?
J-JUST AS I THOUGHT, THE SITUATION IS WE RD
TODAY'S PARTY IS PERM.SSIBLE, YOU KNOW
IT'S FINE
IF IT'S IN MODERATION
EEEH !?

IT ISN'T SO
DON'T BE SAYING THINGS AT RANDOM

ゴスッ
CHOP
SHALL I HAND DOWN AN ORDER OF
SILENCE
(GASP)
!?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING !!

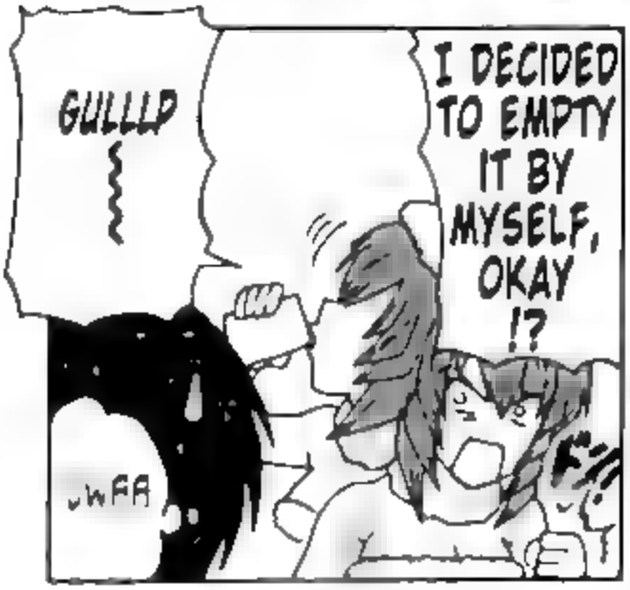

IT ISN'T...
.....
.....

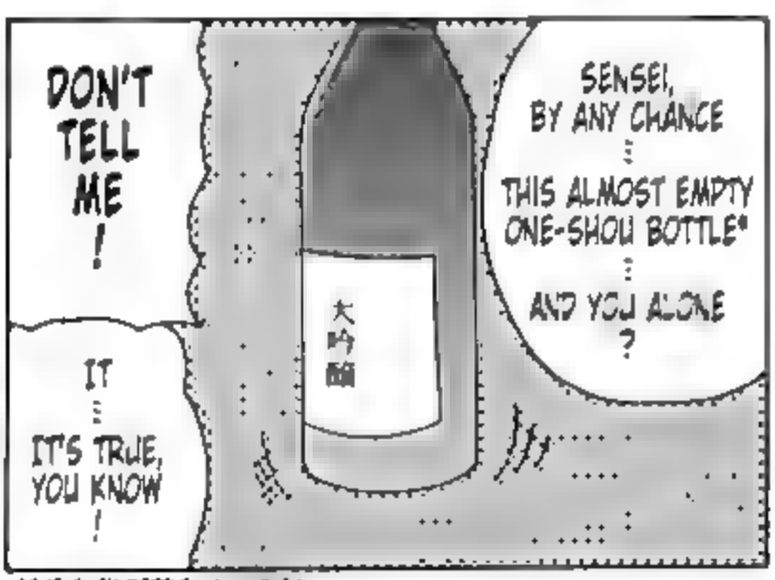
WHAT'S THE MATTER ?
AH (GASP)
THAT'S RIGHT !!

HAT THE HECK
SOMEHOW
IT'S DEFINITELY STRANGE
WITH THE ATMOSPHERE LIKE THIS

IF I CALL ON THAT PERSON, SHE SHOULD BE ABLE TO LIGHT UP THE PARTY !
PYU ~ !
FOR TIMES LIKE THIS ...

YUUKO SENSEI, NOW :
SENSEI !!
SHE'S ALREADY MAJORLY LIT !!
GASP (GASP)
MERRYYYYYYY CHRISTMAAAAS !! HUUU !!!
YAH-HO SHIROGANE !!





*ONE-SHOU BOTTLE = 1.8 LITERS
MORE ABOUT DAIGINJOU (大吟醸):
IT IS A HIGHLY REFINED SAKE THAT IS BREWED BY FERMENTING AT LOW TEMPERATURES, UTILIZING FINEST OF POLISHED (MILLED) RICE

LIKE, AM I A GENIUS?
GOOD GRIEF, Y'KNOW...
WHAT IN, LIKE, THE WORLD, YOU KNOW...
TH- THIS ISN'T GOOD... SHE'S...
TOO UNPLEASANT TO TAKE ALONG LIKE THIS...
A GENIUS, AM I! WHY AM I DRESSED UP AS SANTA IN SUCH A PLACE
LIQUOR IS OF NO USE UNLESS I DRINK IT, Y'KNOWWW!
THAT IS SO, ISN'T IT...
STOOPID, STOOPID, STOOOOPID! AHAHAHAHA!!
TH- THAT OVER THERE IS, ISN'T IT...
SHTOO
PID
THIS S BAD... SHE'S BEGINNING TO PICK A FIGHT...
W-WELL THEN, SENSE, I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE FROM THIS PLACE...
PLEASE TAKE CARE NOT TO BE HUNGOVER TOMORROW, 'KAY

AND IT RISES AGAIN !
IT SINKS
THE SUN RISES
AS FAR AS YOU'RE CONCERNED, WOULD IT COME TOMORROW !?
TOMORROW, OR STUFF LIKE THAT, DOESN'T EVEN EXIST !!
TOMOR-ROW HN !?
SE-SENSEI ... THAT'S PAINFUL ...
ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH LIVING !?
AS LONG AS THE SUN RISES, ARE YOU OVERJOYED !?
LET'S I SEE WELL
YEAH, I GUESS
SO QUICKLY GO TO YOUR ROOM AND SLEEP !
IF SO, THEN TOMORROW WILL COME
TO WORSHIP THE SUN ?
YOU'RE LIVING BECAUSE OF WHAT ?

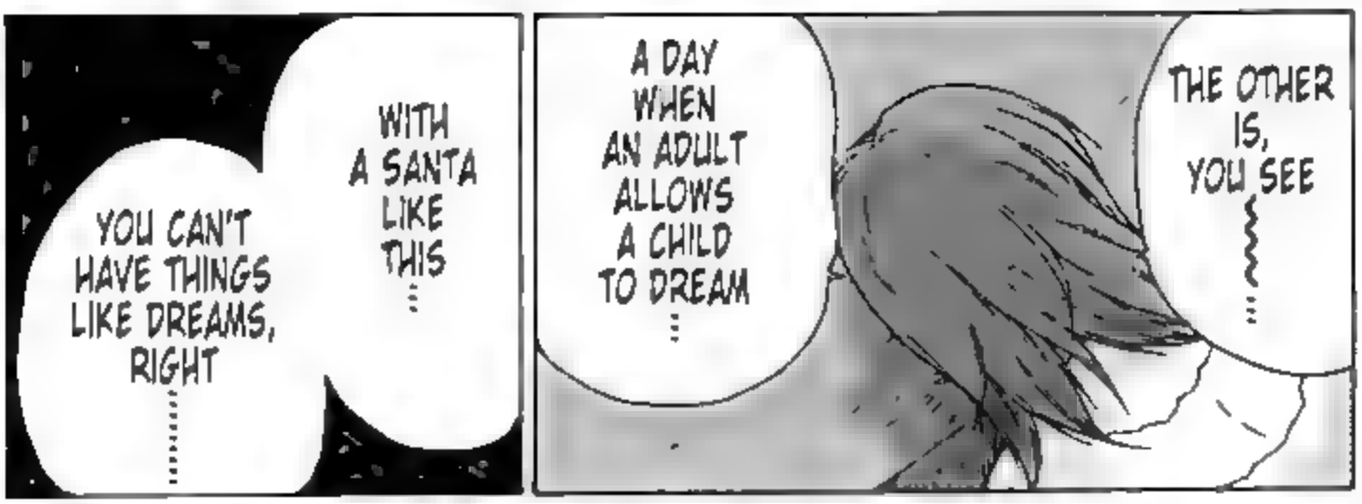
BUT…
FOR ME, TOMORROW IS NONEXISTENT, YOU KNOW……
THE THING IS, THERE IS NO TOMORROW FOR ME…
THE THING IS, THIS EARTH DOESN'T HAVE A FUTURE ANYMORE, YOU KNOW
D-… DID SOMETHING BAD … HAPPEN?
IT'S … HAPPENING ALREADY (GASP)!
A BIG TURMOIL THAT'S ENGULFING THE BASE, THAT IS!
AH HA HA HA
BAM
BAM

COULD IT BE THAT
SENSE AND MARIMO-CHAN
BECAME LIKE THIS BY THE SAME CIRCUMSTANCE
I COULD NOT GO OVER A WALL OF THAT SIZE, NO MATTER WHAT !!
I I WAS JUST ONE STEP AWA YOU KNOW
MY FACULTIES WERE MADE BUT STIL
EH !? HOW ABOUT IT !!
THE TACTICAL MACHINES CAN MAKE MEGA-STRIKES AND IS THERE A REASON WHY I CAN'T EVEN BUILD A PARALLEL CIRCUIT OF 15 BILLION SEMICONDUCTORS THAT'S THE SIZE OF A PALM !?
IT'S NOT LIKE

WHERE DID YOU COME FROM !?
SHIRO-GANE !!
!!?
IS THAT MY FAULT ?
IS THE THEORY UNREASONABLE ?
IF MY THEORY IS UNREASONABLE, THEN
MY THEORES, YOU SEE ;
THEY'RE ALL ENTIRELY CORRECT, YOU KNOW !!
YES MA'AM
GO HOOME ....
SEN-
HMPH ! SHUT UP !!
YOU GO HOME ALREADY !!
I BELIEVE YOU, SENSEI

FOR CHRISTMAS, SEE ⋮ THERE'S THAT DUAL MEANING, YOU KNOW ⋮

ONE IS A DAY WHEN A CHILD IS GIVEN HOPES AND DREAMS


WITH A SANTA LIKE THIS ⋮
YOU CAN'T HAVE THINGS LIKE DREAMS, RIGHT ⋮⋮⋮
A DAY WHEN AN ADULT ALLOWS A CHILD TO DREAM ⋮
THE OTHER IS, YOU SEE ⋮

AFTER ALL ⋮ WEREN'T THEY INITIALLY IN SOMETHING ?
FOR THE FIRST MEANING, WHERE DID THOSE HOPES AND DREAMS GO TO

I…
WASN'T ABLE TO BECOME THE HOLY MOTHER
YOU WEREN'T ABLE TO BECOME THE HOLY MOTHER, BUT…
EVEN SO, THE WORLD GOES ON…

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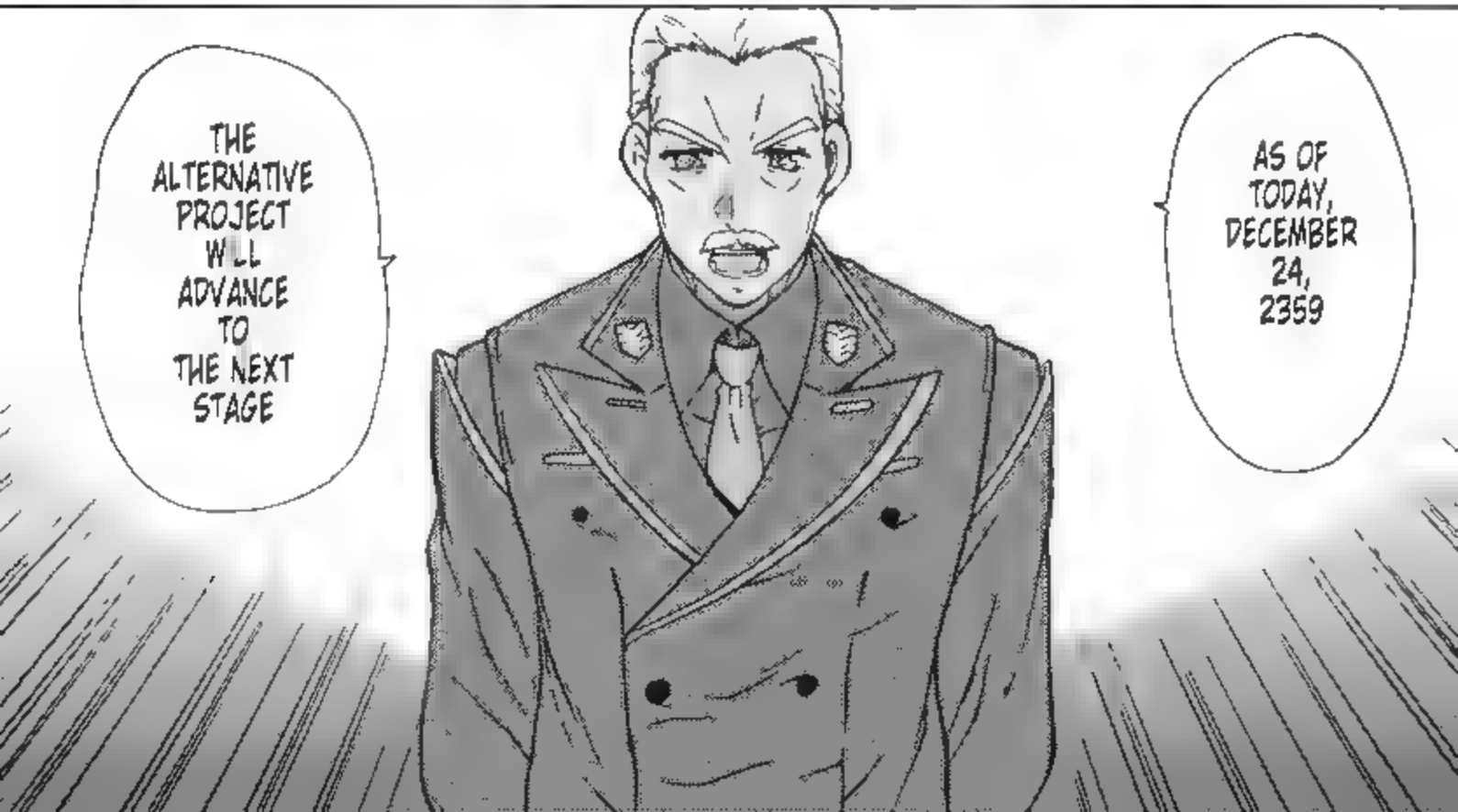
EH……?
CADET SHIROGANE HAS RETURNED!
ALL MEMBERS OF SQUAD 207 ARE ASSEMBLED, SIR!
WH-……WHO……?
AH (GASP)
HE CAME BACK, Y'KNOW!

SH
!!
H-HEY
WHO IS HE
?
I'M SORRY FOR INTERRUPTING YOUR PARTY
I INTENDED TO WAIT UNTIL IT WAS OVER, HOWEVER
EH !?
THAT'S BASE COMMANDER RADHAB NOD, Y'KNOW ! DON'T YOU KNOW THAT !?
IN SERIOUS TROUBLE, SOMEHOW
?
COMMANDER
ARE WE
THE HIGHEST RANKING OFFICER IS HERE !?
B-BASE
COM-MANDER
?
I WILL EXPLAIN THE SITUATION
SER-GEANT
THAT'S

LADIES AND GENTLEMAN, AS YOU KNOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HUMAN HISTORY, THE WAR WITH THESE BARBARIC EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL ADVERSARIES (BETAs)
BEGAN OVER 30 YEARS AGO
AND CONTINUES TO ENGRAVE A DARK, DEEP CHASM IN OUR HISTORY
THE GLOBAL POPULATION REMAINING HAS ALREADY BEEN DECREASED TO ABOUT 1 BILLION; FURTHERMORE, THE WAR SITUATION HAS NOT YET IMPROVED
HERE, AS THE UNITED NATIONS PACIFIC REGION 11TH ARMY, THE YOKOHAMA BASE FUNCTIONS AS AN ABSOLUTE LINE OF DEFENSE IN THE PACIFIC, AND WE HAVE MADE MANY MILITARY GAINS
CON-CURRENTLY!
IN REGARDS TO THE UNITED NATIONS ANTI-BETA OPERATION, WE ARE AT A CRITICAL STAGE WHERE THE PROJECT TO GRASP THE KEY TO HUMANITY'S VICTORY HAS BEEN ADVANCED

THE NAME IS PROJECT ALTERNATIVE
IS THIS ... A HIGHLY CLASSIFIED PROJECT ?
EH ... AH ... !? THE EMBLEM ON KASUMI'S ARM
ALTER- ... NATIVE ?
THIS BASE WAS CONSTRUCTED AS THE NUCLEUS
TO COMPLETE THE 4TH STAGE, ALTERNATIVE 4 ...

YOUR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE THAT SAVED THIS BASE FROM A CRISIS, WHILE STILL BEING CADETS, IS FRESH IN OUR MEMORIES
THIS MILITARY TRAINING FACILITY COMES UNDER THAT PLAN, TOO
IT HAS PRODUCED NUMEROUS, SUPERIOR, TALENTED PEOPLE FOR THE SAKE OF IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN
THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF ALTERNATIVE 4 IS DR. KOUDZUKI, WHOM YOU KNOW WELL
HOWEVER


THE ALTERNATIVE PROJECT WILL ADVANCE TO THE NEXT STAGE
AS OF TODAY, DECEMBER 24, 2359

Eh...?
AFTER THE LARGE SCALE ORGANIZATIONAL RESTRUCTURING HAS TAKEN PLACE, THE ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL OF THIS BASE WILL BE RE-ASSIGNED TO VARIOUS UNITED NATIONS MILITARY FACILITIES AROUND THE WORLD
THE COMMAND WILL EXERCISE AUTHORITY TO SWITCH OVER TO THE NEW HEADQUARTERS, AND THIS YOKOHAMA BASE IS TO BE REQUISITIONED
OF THE PROJECT
IN ACCORDANCE TO THE DIRECTIVES OF

EEHH.....!!!?
YOU
:
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS !!
THIS
:
THIS CAN'T BE !
THERE IS A SIMILAR POSSIBLITY FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE IN TRAINING, TOO

AGAIN
I WAS BROUGHT TO THIS WORLD AS IS WITHOUT EVEN UNDERSTANDING THE REASON, AND WITHOUT EVEN BEING ABLE TO RESIST ON TOP OF THAT
SOME BIG FORCE IS WORKING AT A PLACE WHERE MY POWER CANNOT REACH
IT'S THE SAME … AS THAT TIME
LADIES AND GENTLEMAN, YOUR EFFORTS WERE NEVER FUTILE
WHAT MEANING IS THERE FOR SUCH REMARKS …
LEAVING BEHIND … EVERYTHING … IMPORTANT TO ME …
ORGANIZATIONAL RESTRUCTURING ? RE-ASSIGNED TO VARIOUS PLACES AROUND THE WORLD … ?

SALUTE !!
THIS CAN'T BE ⋮ I DON'T LIKE THIS !!
IN THE DAWNING THAT WAS INCORPORATED INTO THE PLAN'S NEXT SESSION, I ANTICIPATE MUCH MORE GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS
THAT IS ALL
DON'T TELL ME ⋮ THAT'S ⋮
I ⋮ I WAS JUST ONE STEP AWAY YOU KNOW ⋮ MY THEORIES WERE MADE ⋮
ALTERNATIVE 4 !?
I ⋮ WASN'T ABLE TO BECOME THE HOLY MOTHER ⋮
⋮⋮⋮
WHAT IS THIS ALTERNATIVE 4 !! AND WHAT SORT OF THING IS THIS ⋮ ALTERNATIVE 5 !?
SHIRO-GANE !!
C- ⋮ COMMANDER !! PLEASE WAIT !!

ARE YOU SAYING WE DON'T HAVE THE RESOLVE WORTHY OF GUARDSMEN !?
NOW IS NOT THAT TIME, YET
…
IF YOU HAD THE RESOLVE TO SUBMIT YOURSELVES WITH TRUE INTENT FOR THE SAKE OF HUMANITY, THEN THAT WOULD BE THE TIME FOR YOU TO KNOW THAT
…
AS A RESULT, I WANT TO VALUE YOUR DISPOSITION; HOWEVER, IN REALITY, YOU ARE CADETS
I BELIEVE IN YOUR PERSONAL RESOLVE AND AWARENESS
BACK OFF, SHIRO-GANE !!
BUT !! BECAUSE THE SITUATION IS LIKE SO, WE CAN'T BE SITTING AROUND SAYING, "YES, IS THAT SO?" YOU KNOW !!
……
THE FACT IS THAT THIS IS TOO MUCH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE FOR YOU TO KNOW BEFORE YOU EVEN RECEIVE YOUR REGULAR ASSIGNMENTS, ISN'T IT ?
BUT EVEN SO … WHY I HAVE NOTHING, UNLESS THEY PULL IT OUT FROM UNDER MY FEET !
WHAT'S UP WITH THIS ! I HAVE RESOLVE TO BE LIVING HERE !!

!?
I UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS WELL
⋮
HOWEVER
THIS IS THE ARMED FORCES
WHILE YOU PREPARE FOR WITHDRAWAL, YOU WILL STANDBY WITHIN THE BASE FOR YOUR ORDERS
HOWEVER
⋮
I WILL TELL YOU ONE THING
HOW ABOUT ⋮ US ⋮ ?
COMMANDER
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME
NO ⋮
I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD APOLOGIZE
SERGEANT
NOT AT ALL
B- ⋮ BUT !!
YOUR ENDEAVORS HAVE PROVEN TO BE SUCCESSFUL
⋮
THIS IS TRUE
⋮
AS A RESULT OF YOUR ENDEAVORS, YOU BECAME SUCH FINE CADETS
SUCH IS YOUR EXPERIENCE
⋮

……!
バタン

D-…
DAMMIT…!!

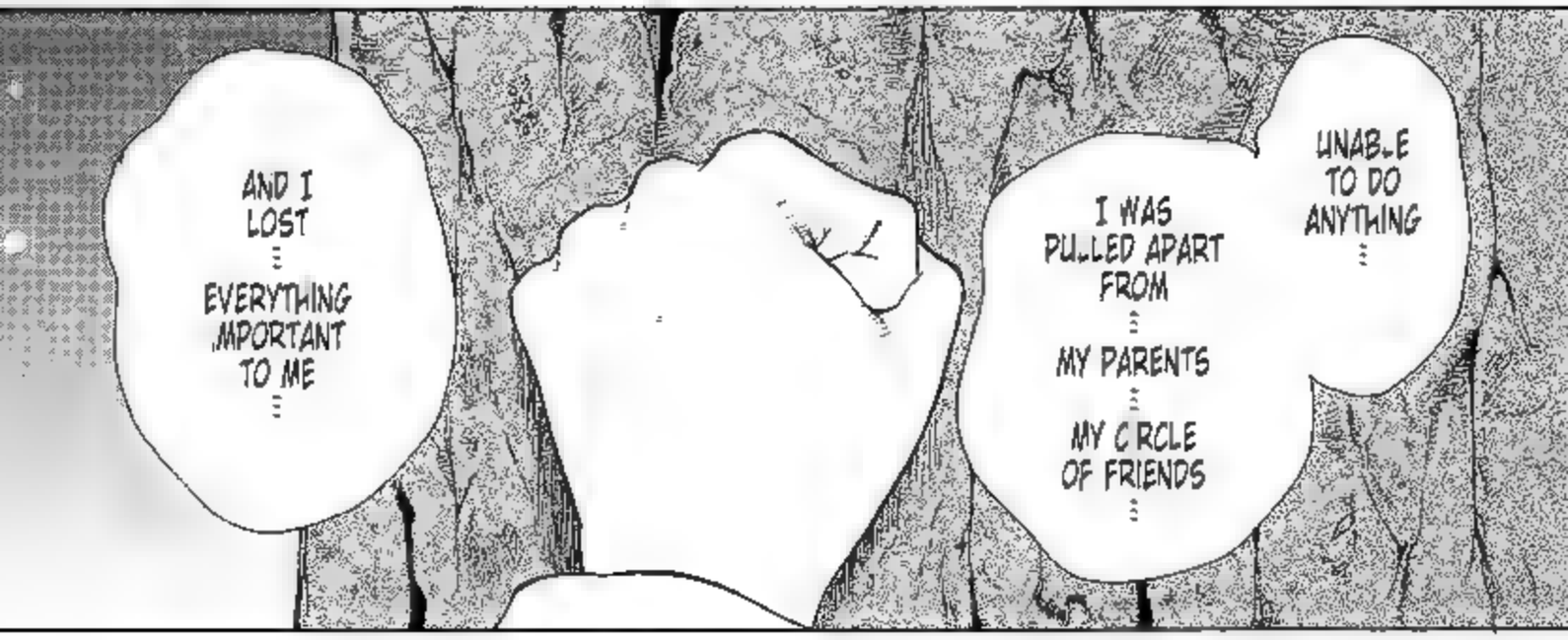
AND WHAT IN THE WORLD S THIS ALTERNATIVE 4 ⋮ ?
YUUKO SENSEI ⋮
WHAT IN THE WORLD DID WE DO WRONG ?
THINGS LIKE THIS ⋮ ARE MOST UNPLEASANT, Y'KNOW
SHIT (GASP) !
SWISH
GRAB

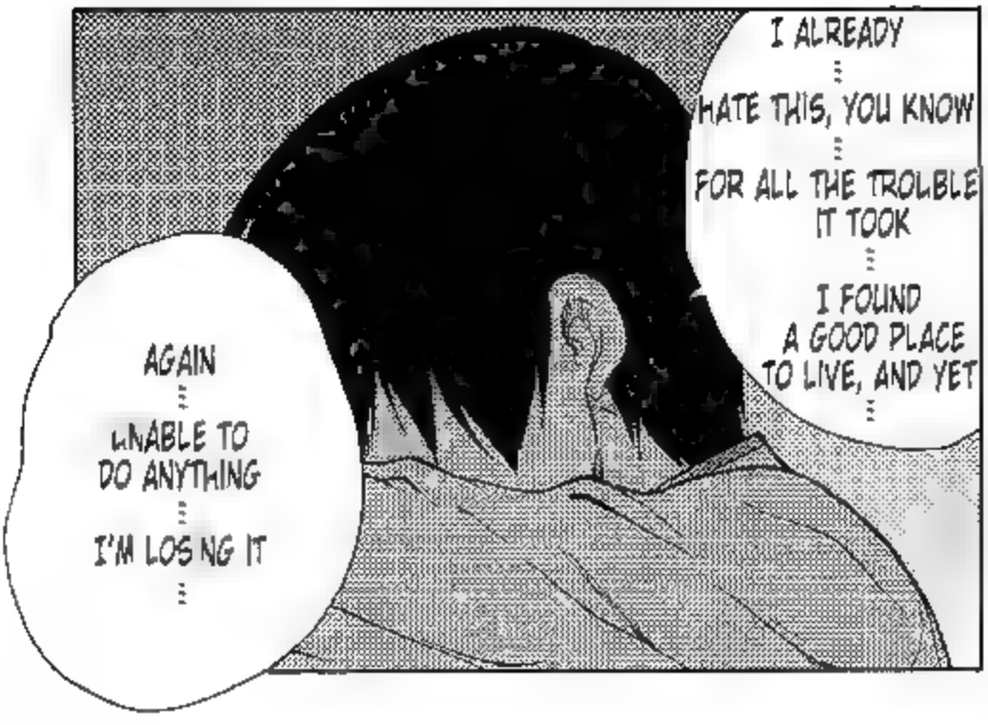
ポツ
HM…
A FOOT-PRINT?
MEIYA…?

IT'S THAT WE WERE
I'M NOT
HA HA
JUST AS I THOUGHT;
AWESOME,
EVEN AT
IF I DON'T DO SOMETHING,
DIVERT MY EMOTIONS
ALTERNATIVE 5
WHAT
I WONDER

ALTER-
NATIVE
4
…
SEEMS
TO BE
A PLAN
OF
YUUKO-
SENSEI
…
THAT
FAILED
…
……
AND
AGAIN
…
I WASN'T
ABLE TO
DO ANYTH NG
…
……
EH
…
?
JUDGING
FROM
THAT
IMPRESS ON
OF
YUUKO-
SENSEI
UNDOUBTEDLY
…
SOMETH NG
VERY
SER OUS
W LL
HAPPEN
FROM
HERE ON
…

WELL
…
IT WASN'T A BIG PLAN LIKE THIS, BUT, YOU KNOW
…
WHAT (GASP) !?
SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPENED
…
BEFORE


AND I LOST
…
EVERYTHING IMPORTANT TO ME
…
I WAS PULLED APART FROM
…
MY PARENTS
…
MY CIRCLE OF FRIENDS
…
UNABLE TO DO ANYTHING
…


AGAIN
…
UNABLE TO DO ANYTHING
…
I'M LOSING IT
…
I ALREADY
…
HATE THIS, YOU KNOW
…
FOR ALL THE TROUBLE IT TOOK
…
I FOUND A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE, AND YET
…

TAKERU
…
?

IT'S LIKE THIS…
TIME AND TIME AGAIN…
DON'T DISAPPEAR ON ME…
MEIYA…

WHA-WHAT'S WRONG!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!!
TA-(GASP)…TAKERU!?
FALTER
フラ…
COLLAPSE
ガシッ
TAKERU!!?

AH
WOBBLE
GRAS
DON'T DISAPPEAR ON ME
I... I-I-I- I HAVEN'T LEFT YOU (GASP) !!
YOU YOU IDIOT (GASP) !!
THAT'S NOT FAIR ! BE A MAN DON'T CRY !!

AH
BLUSH
YOU'RE NOT PLAYING FAIR
I REGRET THAT I DID SOMETHING HASTY
DOING SOMETHING LIKE THAT AT MOUNT TENMOTO
I AM HERE TO FIGHT, AND YET
I TRIED TO KEEP A NORMAL FACADE FOR THE SQUAD; I TRIED NOT TO BE CONSCIOUS OF YOU, AND YET

IF YOU'RE NOT HERE, I WON'T BE ABLE TO FIGHT, THEN, WILL I ⋮ !
TO FIGHT ⋮
THE COMMANDER SAID ⋮
WE ARE CADETS, THEREFORE ⋮
S.NCE WE'RE NOT REGULAR SOLDIERS, WE'RE NOT INFORMED OF ANYTHING ⋮
IF THE HARDER WE WORK, THE SOONER WE GRADUATE ⋮
MEIYA IS ⋮ REGRETFUL, TOO ⋮
AND THE SOONER WE BECOME REGULAR SOLDIERS, THEN ⋮ WOULD WE BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING ⋮ ?

D-
DID YOU CALM DOWN
?
IF SO
YOU CAN LET GO OF ME
GRIP
NO
I CAN'T LET GO
ANYMORE
I DON'T WANT ANYMORE OF THESE REGRETS
I CAN'T LET THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON IN MY LIFE
SEPARATE FROM THESE HANDS EVER AGAIN
!

PLEASE STAY WITH ME FOREVER ⋮

——KAGAMI SUMIKA-SAMA

CHAPTER 29

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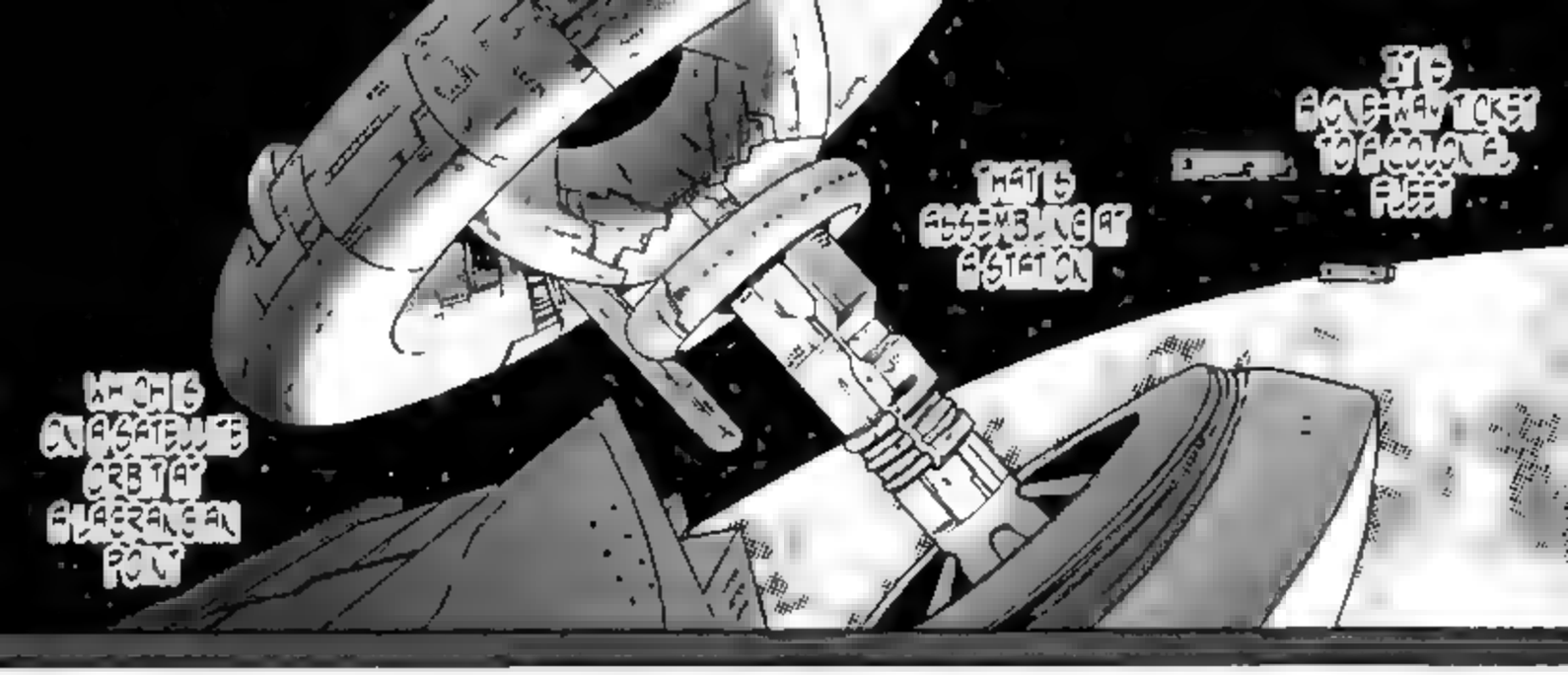
SORRY FOR MAK NG YOU GO THROUGH THIS ABSURDITY
YOUR HANDWRITING, MARIMO-CHAN IS BEAUTIFUL, ISN'T IT
IT'S BEEN 2 YEARS SINCE THEN I GUESS

BECAUSE
THERE IS NO
COLORS
BELOW ME
HAVING
GRADUATED FROM
THE TRAINING
ACADEMY,
THAT HAS CHANGED
WAS MY RANK TO
SECOND
DYING
WILL
BE
TROUBLESOME
AS
AN INDISPENSABLE,
TALENTED
PERSON
FOR
THE EXECUTION OF
ALTERNATIVE 5
WITH
THIS
FROM
THIS BASE



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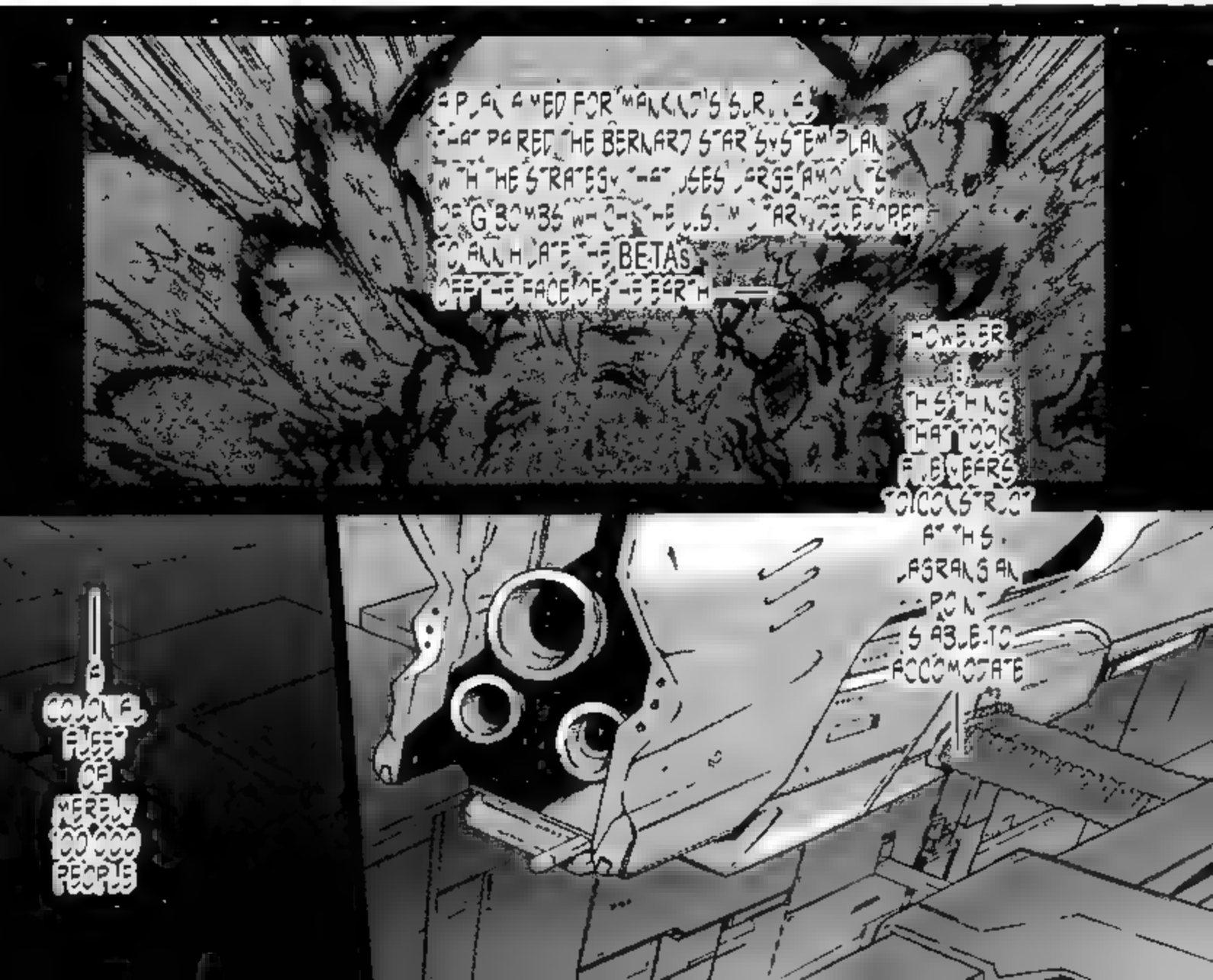

TO
THAT
TIME
⋮
ANYMORE
|

HOWEVER
TIME AND REALITY
WERE CRUEL
⋮
AND THERE
WAS NO
TURNING BACK
⋮

THE SELECTION OF MM GRANTS ARE SURE TO BE COMPRISED OF
THE BATTLES OF PERILOUS FIELDS AND HUMANS WITH EXCELLENT GENETIC MAKE-UP
AND THAT MAKES IT THE LAST DESTROYER WORLD-WIDE
THE DESTROYER TO BE LAUNCHED FROM JAPAN TOMORROW WILL BE THE LAST
A white flower of a cherry tr
that is rooted into the earth
a soldier's spirit slee
of the hea
I WONDER WHO ON EARTH OR WHEREVER
WOULD CHOOSE SOMEONE LIKE ME
A WHITE FLOWER OF A CHERRY TREE THAT IS ROOTED INTO THE EARTH WHERE A SOLDIER'S SPIRIT SLEEPS CANNOT DREAM OF THE HEAVENS
MAY YOU HEAR MY SELF-INDULGENCE
TRULY
I THANK YOU

N…
TAKERU…
HAVE YOU BEEN AWAKE FOR A WHILE
AT LAST… TOMORROW IS THE FINAL LAUNCH, ISN'T IT…
YEAH…

THAT SEEMS LIKE YOU, DOESN'T IT
IT'S BECAUSE I AM PROUD OF THIS MISSION
YEAH … NO MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE …
IT IS MY ONLY REGRET
BUT, EVEN SO, KNOWING THAT I NEED NOT BE ASHAMED OF MYSELF … HELPS
IS SOMETHING WRONG ?
TAKERU … ?
IT'S THIS
AFTER THAT, WE ARE ENTRUSTED WITH THE EARTH AND … THE FATE (DOOM) OF THE OTHER PEOPLE LEFT BEHIND HERE
YEAH
WE ARE TO SEND OFF AND PROTECT THE DEPARTURE OF THE PEOPLE ENTRUSTED WITH MANKIND'S FUTURE …
YEAH

THIS IS ...

THAT'S A BOARDING ID FOR THE LAST FLIGHT ... ISN'T IT ?

YEAH IT IS

IS THAT ... SO ...

THANK GOODNESS ... TRULY ...

THANK GOODNESS ... !

SO YOU WERE ... CHOSEN ... AFTER ALL ...

SFX. TSU (っ) = TEAR FLOW OF LIQUID

SHE IS HAPPY TO SHED TEARS TO THE FACT THAT I WAS SELECTED S SHE ...

RATHER THAN SHEDDING TEARS TO THE CRUEL FATE THAT SHE HERSELF WILL FOLLOW ...

TRULY
…
THANK GOODNESS
THANK YOU
…
MEIYA
…
…
ABOUT THIS CARD
YOU USE IT
IT'S YOU
…
WHO WILL LIVE
(GASP)
…
!?

DON'T EVADE IT, MEI-
…
I REFUSE !!
CONSIDERING IT'S YOU, THAT'S A PRETTY BAD JOKE
…HUH ?
DON'T
IF I TELL YOU I REFUSE, THEN I REFUSE !!
THIS IS AN ORDER !!
ARE YOU SERIOUSLY … SAYING THIS TO ME ?
THAT YOU WILL SEND ME OFF INTO SPACE … BY SENIOR OFFICER COMMAND … ?

IS THIS WHY YOU WERE FREQUENTLY COMMUNICATING WITH MAJOR JINGUUJI WHEN SHE WAS ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS
⋮
FOR THE SAKE OF FORGING THE ID
⋮
?
!!
DON'T MAKE ME
⋮
ANGRY
⋮
すっ…
SLIP
I HAD MARIMO-CHAN CROSSING A CONSIDERABLY DANGEROUS BRIDGE
I DO NOT WANT YOU TO WASTE IT

THAT'S RIGHT
⋮
THIS IS SOMETHING WE DISCUSSED

THAT'S WHY
⋮
DON'T SAY THINGS OUT OF CONVENIENCE !!

EVERYONE
⋮
!?

IT'S NOT ONLY MARIMO-CHAN
⋮
IT'S ALSO THE FEELING OF EVERYONE IN THE SQUAD

AS YOU KNOW, EVERYONE WHO IS RELATED TO THE EMPEROR, INCLUDING THE EMPEROR HIMSELF, HAS RESIGNED THEIR BOARDING PRIVILEGES
EVEN THOUGH I'M A DISTANT RELATIVE
EVEN I, A PERSON WHO HAS INHERITED THE BLOOD OF THE EMPEROR'S FAMILY, CANNOT LEAVE BEHIND THOSE I SHOULD PROTECT
I UNDERSTAND THAT, YOU KNOW
BUT FOR THAT SPIRIT WITHIN YOU
THAT I WANT YOU TO LIVE TO TELL ABOUT IT
IF ALL THE EMPEROR'S SUCCESSORS REMAIN HERE
WHO WILL CONTINUE PASS DOWN THAT HERITAGE
.....
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT
WE ARE NOT LIKE THAT
WE ARE NOT THAT PROMINENT !!

I HAD TSUKUYOMI TURN A FAVOR TO TREAT MY ID - AS YOURS
!!?

I HAVE TRIED, SELFISHLY, TO SAVE THE LIFE OF THIS ODDBALL OF MINE !
I SHOULD HAVE SHOULDERED THE DESTINY OF THE EMPEROR'S FAMILY ⋮ BUT BY DISREGARDING THE NATION AND MY COMRADES ⋮

THAT SOMEBODY FROM SOMEWHERE WHO SELECTED ME...

WAS MEIYA —— IT WAS YOU, WAS IT...

I WOULD BE ABLE TO FIGHT, NO MATTER WHAT, AND YET ⋮ !
IN SPITE OF HAVING BEEN ⋮ STRONG ⋮ !
I HAVE BECOME WEAK BECAUSE OF YOU ! SUCH IS MY COMPLAINT
STUPID IDIOT ! YOU BIG LUNKHEAD !
AS LONG AS YOU ⋮ AS LONG AS YOU ARE ALIVE ⋮
PLEASE LIVE
I DON'T WANT THAT (GASP) !!
THE DESTROYER WILL BE LEAVING TOMORROW, ALREADY ⋮
PLEASE MAKE GOOD USE OF THIS ID ⋮

PLEASE TAKE THIS CHANCE TO SURVIVE ... AND PROSPER ...
YOU'RE SO UNFAIR !!
SO UNFAIR (GASP) ARE YOU
AS LONG AS YOU CONTINUE TO LIVE ... I CAN KEEP ON FIGHTING
IF I REMAIN ON EARTH ... THE POSSIBILITY THAT I CAN SURVIVE IS ... !
AH (GASP) !?
I WILL IMMEDIATELY FORGET ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU !!
YOU IDIOT !!
IF I ESCAPE FROM EARTH
THAT'S OKAY, YOU KNOW
FROM THE START, YOU HAVE BEEN TOO GOOD FOR ME

HOWEVER
FOR THE REST OF MY ENTIRE LIFE
I CAN NEVER FORGET
A BIG LUNKHEAD LIKE YOU

TAKERU
HM ?
THERE IS SOMETHING I WANT TO ENTRUST YOU WITH
WHAT IS IT ?
IT'S MINARUKAMUI (MY KATANA) AND TAKEMIKADUCHI (MY TACTICAL MACHINE)
AH (GASP)
I REMEMBER, THAT'S YOUR KATANA (SWORD) !
I HAD LEFT IT IN THE ROOM
I WANT YOU TO TAKE IT
UNDERSTOOD
BUT TAKEMIKADUCHI IS
IF YOU CANNOT FULFILL THAT WISH, I WANT YOU TO AT LEAST BURY IT SO THAT NOBODY ELSE WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE IT
IS THAT OKAY ?

B-BUT IS THERE SOMETHING I CAN GIVE TO YOU ?
SINCE YOU CAN BE SO STUBBORN, I WAS THINKING THAT YOU MIGHT SAY YOU DON'T NEED ANYTHING
NO, I'M FINE
I THOUGHT SO
HU HU HU
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT, TAKERU
THAT IS SOMETHING THE EMPEROR GAVE TO ME FOR MY EXCLUSIVE USE; HOWEVER
IF I GO
THERE WILL BE NO ONE QUALIFIED TO RIDE IT OTHER THAN YOU
YOU UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF WHAT I'M SAYING
DON'T YOU ?
YEAH
YOU ALREADY HAVE GIVEN ME SOMETHING, HAVEN'T YOU
EH ?

I, I GAVE SOMETHING TO YOU !?
HU HU ! A LITTLE SOMETHING
WELL ⋮
FROM YOU ⋮
I HAVE RECEIVED INNUMERABLE AMOUNTS OF THINGS, HAVEN'T I ⋮

FOR MY SAKE ⋮ I MUST PART FROM THE GIRL WHO HAS BEEN BY FAR MUCH TOO GOOD FOR ME ⋮
SEVERAL MINUTES MORE ⋮ IN SEVERAL MERE MINUTES MORE ⋮

MEIYA ⋮

MEIYA
TAKERU
THANK YOU
MEIYA !!

SHIRO-
GANE
(GASP)
!
(GASP)
!?
WH-
WHAT IS IT
WHAT'S
WRONG
!?
AH
I'M SO
SORRY
THAT IS
WE ARE
LOOKING
FOR
YASHIRO
FOR
KASUMI
?
SHE'S
SUPPOSED TO BE
ON BOARD
THE DESTROYER,
BUT SHE
DOESN'T SEEM
TO BE
ANYWHERE
!
EEH
(GASP)
!?

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RIGHT
WAIT HERE
I'LL GO
EH (GASP) !?
IF YOU INFORM US OF WHAT YOU KNOW, THE REST WE CAN
:
NO
THE 19TH FLOOR UNDERGROUND IS AN S4 LEVEL FLOOR
YOU CANNOT ENTER IT
!!?
S4 LEVEL, YOU SAY
:
SHIROGANE
:
WHO IN THE WORLD ARE YOU !?

!!
B-BUT, WHAT ABOUT YOU AND MITSURUGI
IF YOU GO ⋮ YOU MIGHT HAVE TO SAY YOUR FAREWELL TO HER HERE AND NOW, YOU KNOW !?
.....
SAKAKI
YOU MUST LET THE COMMANDING OFFICER GO
!?
BUT !?
THE COMMANDING OFFICER IS NOT THE TYPE OF MAN WHO WILL CLOSE HIS EYES TO THE PREDICAMENT OF OTHERS AND GIVE PRIORITY TO HIS OWN SITUATION
I CAN WAIT HERE FOR APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES ⋮

THANK YOU, MEIYA !!
KASUMI ... I BEG YOU ... BE THERE !
KASUMI ...
SHOON!
KASUMI !!
KASUMI
(GASP) !!

!
KASUMI
!?
THANK GOOD NESS
YOU'RE HERE AFTER ALL !
LOOK HERE !
YOU WANNA MISS THE DESTROYER !?
HURRY IT UP (GASP) !!

...!?
EH...?
.....
WH-WHAT'S WRONG KASUMI
DO YOU UNDERSTAND ? IT'LL BE BAD IF YOU DON'T GET ON THE DESTROYER, YOU KNOW ?
I KNOW
THEN, WHY !?

IF I LEAVE THIS PLACE…
I… WILL DISAPPEAR…
I… DON'T WANT TOOO…
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING! IN ANY CASE, COME ON!
NO (GASP)…!!
IT'S NOT GOOD TO REMAIN HERE!
I DON'T WANT TO! I WON'T GO
DON'T TALK SELFISHLY! I'LL TAKE YOU, EVEN IF I HAVE TO CARRY YOU!
…EVEN IF I LEAVE HERE, IT'S NOT GOOD
WHY ARE YOU SAYING SUCH THINGS!?

I'M FRIGHTENED OF THINGS I DO NOT UNDERSTAND ⋮
WHAT'S THE MATTER ⋮ WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ?
YOU ⋮ ?
I'M SCARED
IT'S FRIGHTENING
WILL YOU LET IT DIE !?
WHAT ARE YOU FUSSING OVER THIS BRAIN FOR !?
WHAT !?
UNLESS I PROTECT IT ⋮ I WILL LOSE IT ⋮

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, TAKERU-CHAN !
!?

SILENCE

HER VERBAL EXPRESSION JUST NOW...!!!
AUDITORY HALLUCINATION
SAT
JUST NOW...

STUPID!
SWISH SWISH
I'M SCARED...
KASUMI...BY SOME CHANCE ARE YOU...
I'M SCARED...

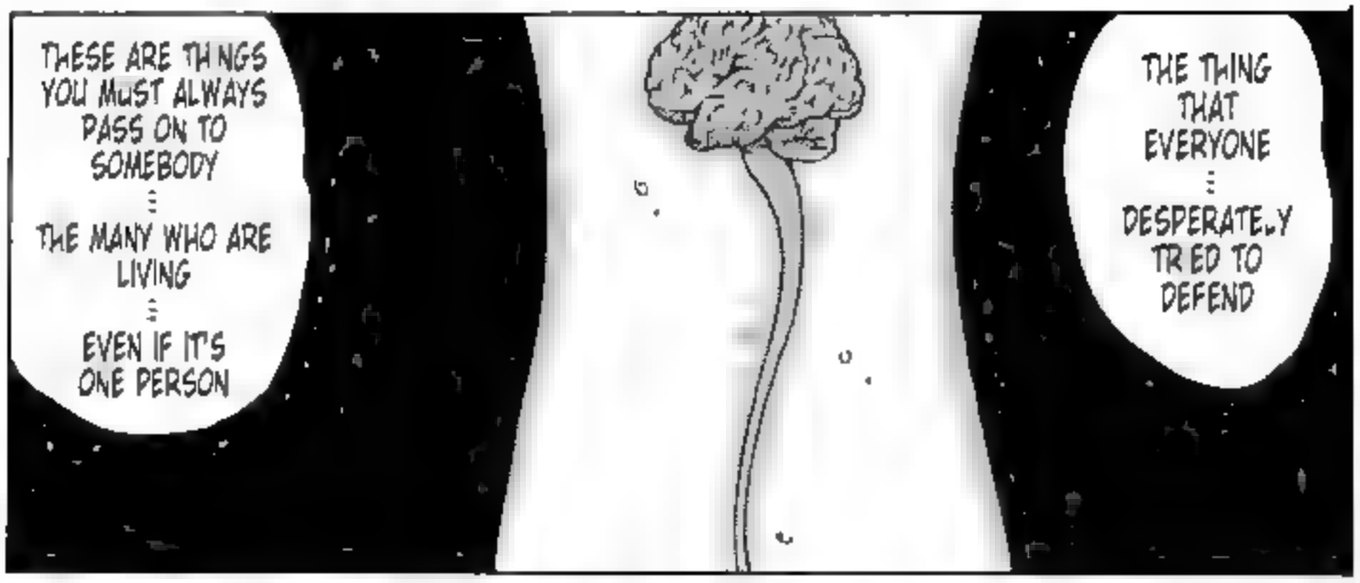
KAZUMI
YOU ARE ... AMONG THE VERY FEW TO BE CHOSEN ...
YOU MUST LIVE !
NO
SSS -
THAT'S ENOUGH OF THAT ! TO REMAIN HERE MEANS
TO DIE, YOU KNOW !!
IF IT'S ENOUGH THAT I DISAPPEAR, THAT'S FINE TOO !

WHY DO YOU SAY
!!
WHY IS IT
WHY
WHY DO YOU SAY SUCH THINGS
EVERYONE
WHO JUST CAN'T, AND YET
IT'S
IT'S TOUGH ON EVERYONE
EVEN IF THOSE WHO SURVIVE ABANDON THE EARTH
EVEN IF THOSE WHO REMAIN
WILL EVENTUALLY

YOU MIGHT NOT UNDERSTAND IT YET
BUT - - FOR THAT REASON, I MUST MAKE YOU REALIZE THAT -
THIS THING ABOUT SURVIVING AND LIVING WILL BE A GOOD THING LATER ON -

WANTING TO LIVE ⋮
SURELY ⋮ IS SOMETHING THAT WE ⋮
⋮ CR- ⋮
⋮ HE ⋮ CRYING ⋮⋮

A BRIGHT BLUE PLANET CALLED EARTH ⋮
WAS THE BIRTHPLACE OF HUMAN BEINGS ⋮
AND WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THIS STAR ⋮


THESE ARE THINGS YOU MUST ALWAYS PASS ON TO SOMEBODY
THE MANY WHO ARE LIVING
EVEN IF IT'S ONE PERSON
THE THING THAT EVERYONE DESPERATELY TRIED TO DEFEND

I BEG YOU
PLEASE LEAVE US
KASUMI
!
AS PROOF THAT WE EXISTED

KASUMI !?
FOR THE SELFISH THINGS I SAID
I'M SORRY
.....

PLEASE
ALL RIGHT !
I'LL CARRY YOU !!
LET'S HURRY, KASUMI !!

TAKERU-SAN (GASP)!
SHIRO-GANE!
KASUMI… YOU'LL BE GOOD, WON'T YOU…
IT'S FAREWELL FROM HERE
SNIFFLE
SNIFFLE
IT'S ME FROM HERE ON! I'LL BE TAKING OUT THE GEKISHIN (MECHA)!
GOOD! I'LL ENTRUST YOU WITH HER
BAI BAI…

KASUMI
A TIMES LIKE TH S YOU SAY, "SEE YOU LATER, 'KAY"
WHEN YOU WANT TO MEET SOMEONE ONCE AGAIN
YOU SAY, "SEE YOU LATER," YOU KNOW
SHAKE AND SOB
YES

SEE YOU LATER, 'KAY

YEAH
I'LL SEE YOU LATER

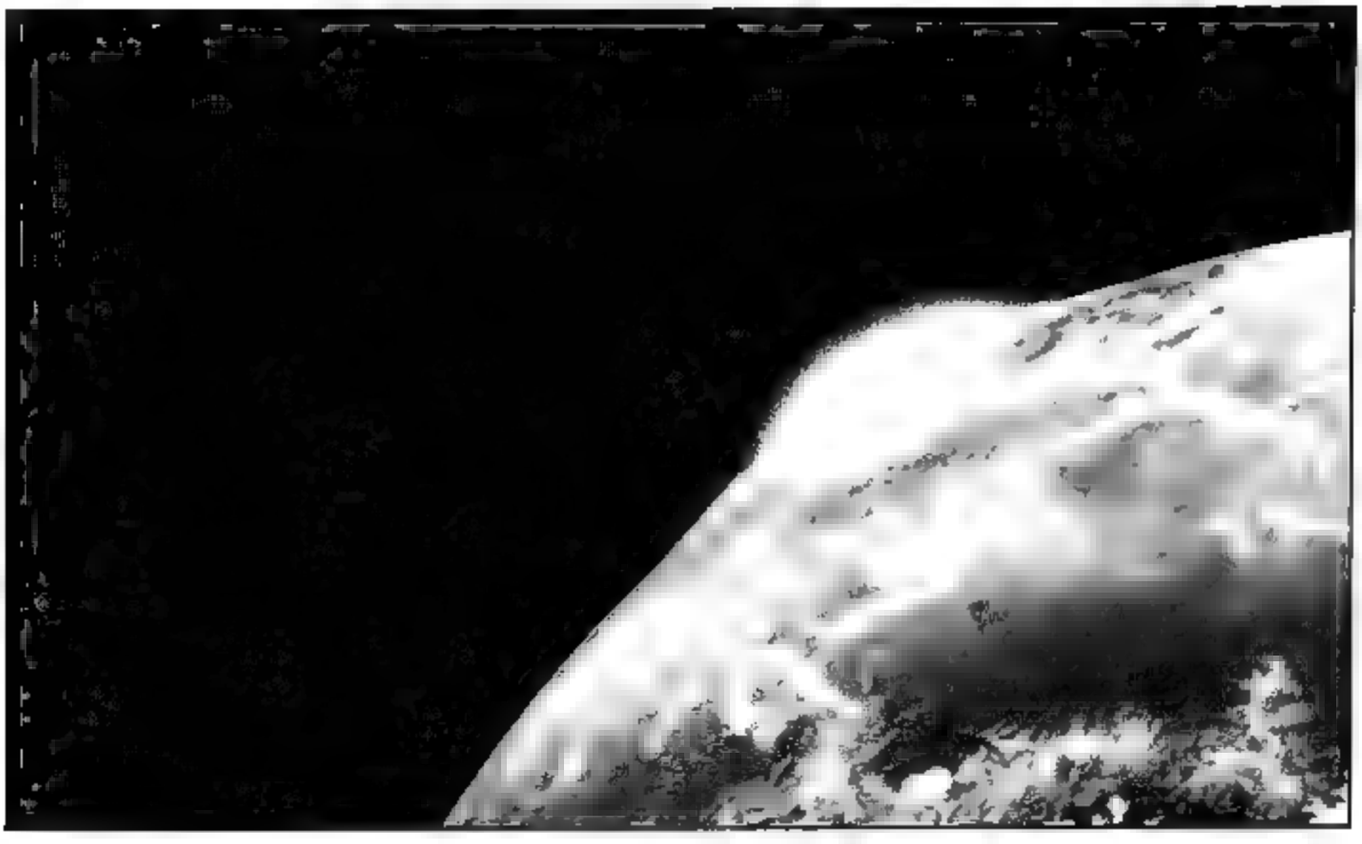
SHIROGANE
...
WHERE'S MEIYA !?
WH-
...
IT'S BEEN 25 MINUTES SINCE THEN
...!
SHE SAID SHE WOULD WAIT, BUT
IT'S THAT A PROMISE IS A PROMISE
AT EXACTLY 15 MINUTES

IS THAT SO…
WAS MEIYA CRYING?
SHE WAS SMILING
……
NO
IS THAT SO…
IF SO, THAT'S GOOD
IF SHE WENT SMILING THEN…
I'M FINE WITH THAT

DO YOU ALL REMEMBER HOW SHE LOOKED ?
JUST LIKE
YES
SHE HAD A MAJESTIC
BUT GRACEFUL SMILE

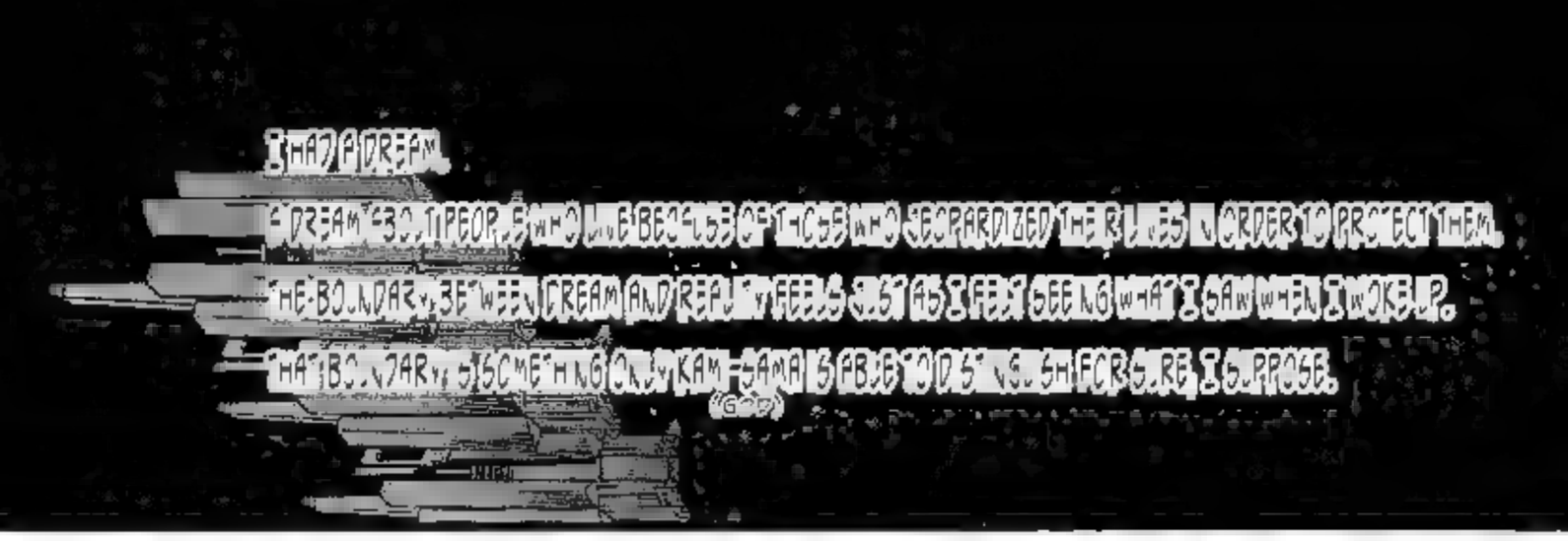
THANKS ⋮ EVERYONE

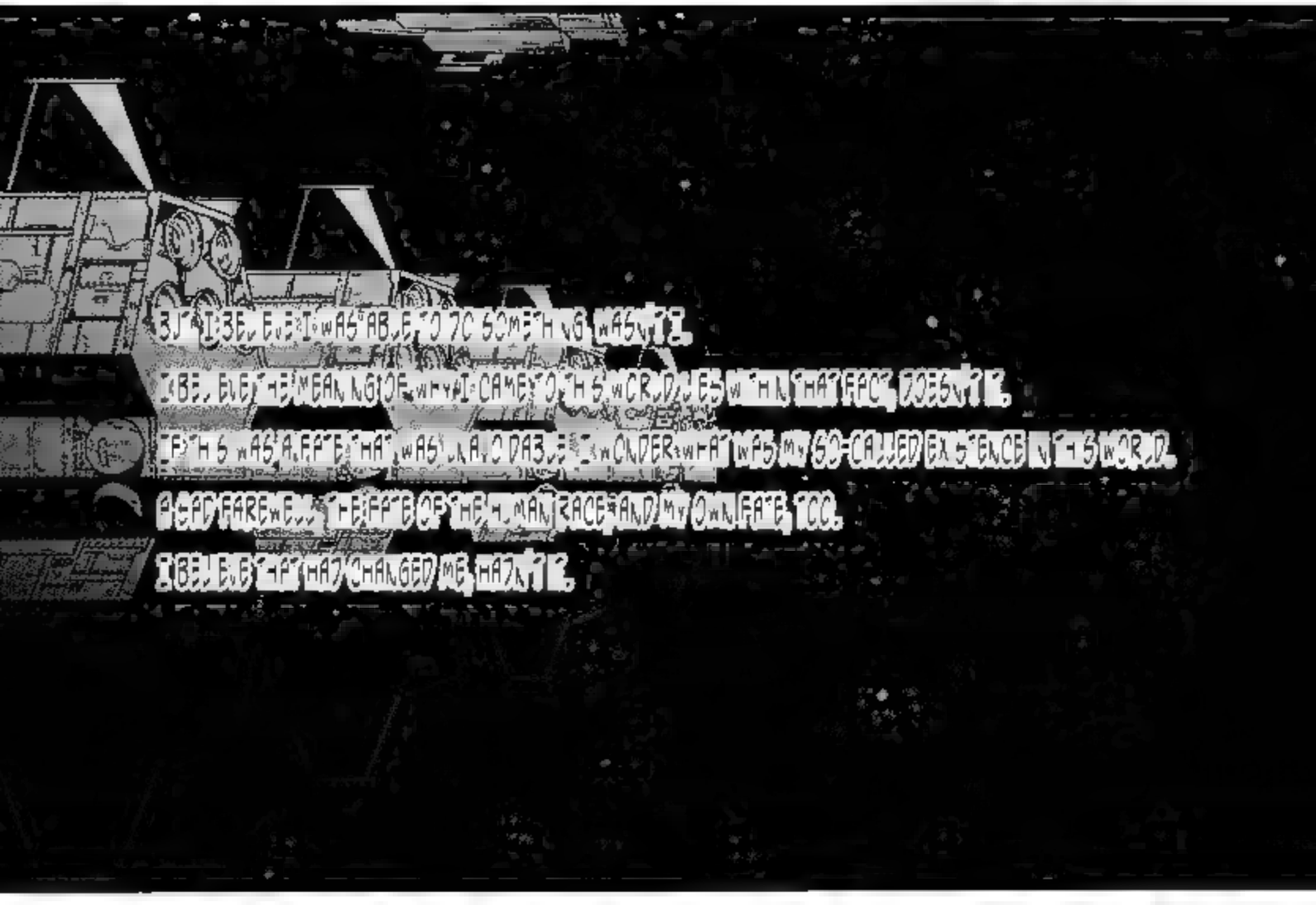
——GOODBYE... MEIYA...

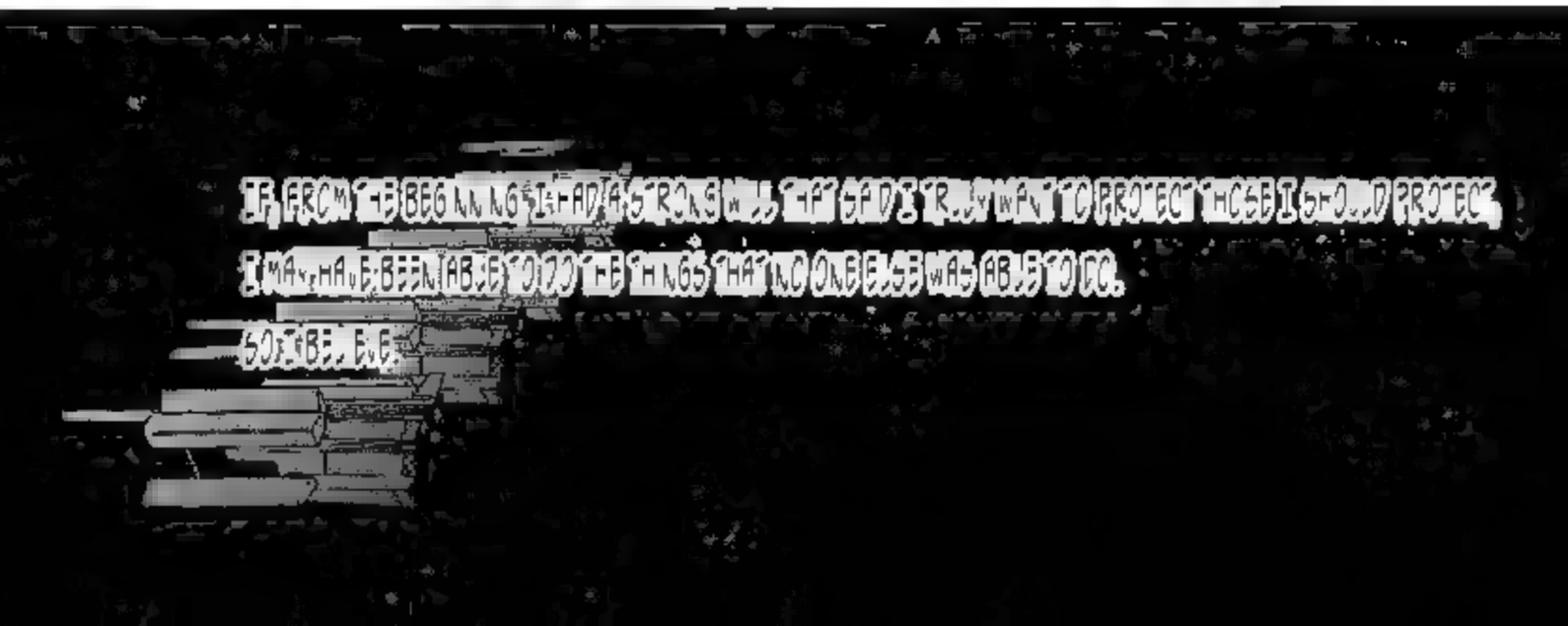


——I HAD A DREAM.

A DREAM ABOUT PEOPLE WHO LIVE INNOCENTLY
WITHOUT KNOWING THE MEANING OF PEACE.


THAT'S MY DREAM.
MY DREAM IS TO PROTECT PEOPLE WHO ARE BEING HURT BY THOSE WHO ENDANGER THEIR LIVES IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEM.
THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN DREAM AND REALITY FEELS SO VAGUE TO ME SEEING WHAT I SAW WHEN I WOKE UP.
THAT BOUNDARY SOMETHING OKUYAMA IS ABSORBED IN DISMANTLING IS PROSE.


BUT I'VE BELIEVED I WAS ABLE TO DO SOMETHING WAS RIGHT.
I'VE BELIEVED THE MEANING OF WHY I CAME TO THIS WORLD IS WITHIN THAT EFFORT, DOES RIGHT.
IF THIS WAS A FATE THAT I WAS ALREADY DAMNED I WONDER WHAT WAS MY SO-CALLED EXISTENCE IN THIS WORLD.
A SAD FARCE BY THE FATE OF THE HUMAN RACE AND MY OWN FATE, TOO.
I BELIEVED THAT CHANGED ME, RIGHT.


IF ARCMAGE BEGINNING I HAD A STRONG WILL THAT I DON'T WANT TO PROTECT THOSE I SHOULD PROTECT,
I MAY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO THE THINGS THAT NO ONE ELSE WAS ABLE TO DO.
SO I BELIEVE.

SO THEREFORE AT LEAST FROM HERE ON

I'LL SURVIVE AND BELIEVE THAT I WILL PROTECT YOU COMPLETELY.

I WANT TO PROTECT THIS STAR THAT EVERYONE ABANDONED. SO I BELIEVE.

I AM RISKING MY LIFE TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE WHO REMAIN. THE MEMORIES THAT REMAIN

AND THE PERSON THAT I LOVE.

I MUST BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING. THAT POWER SURELY EXISTS.

THE HUMAN RACE WILL NOT LOSE. WE WILL NEVER LOSE.

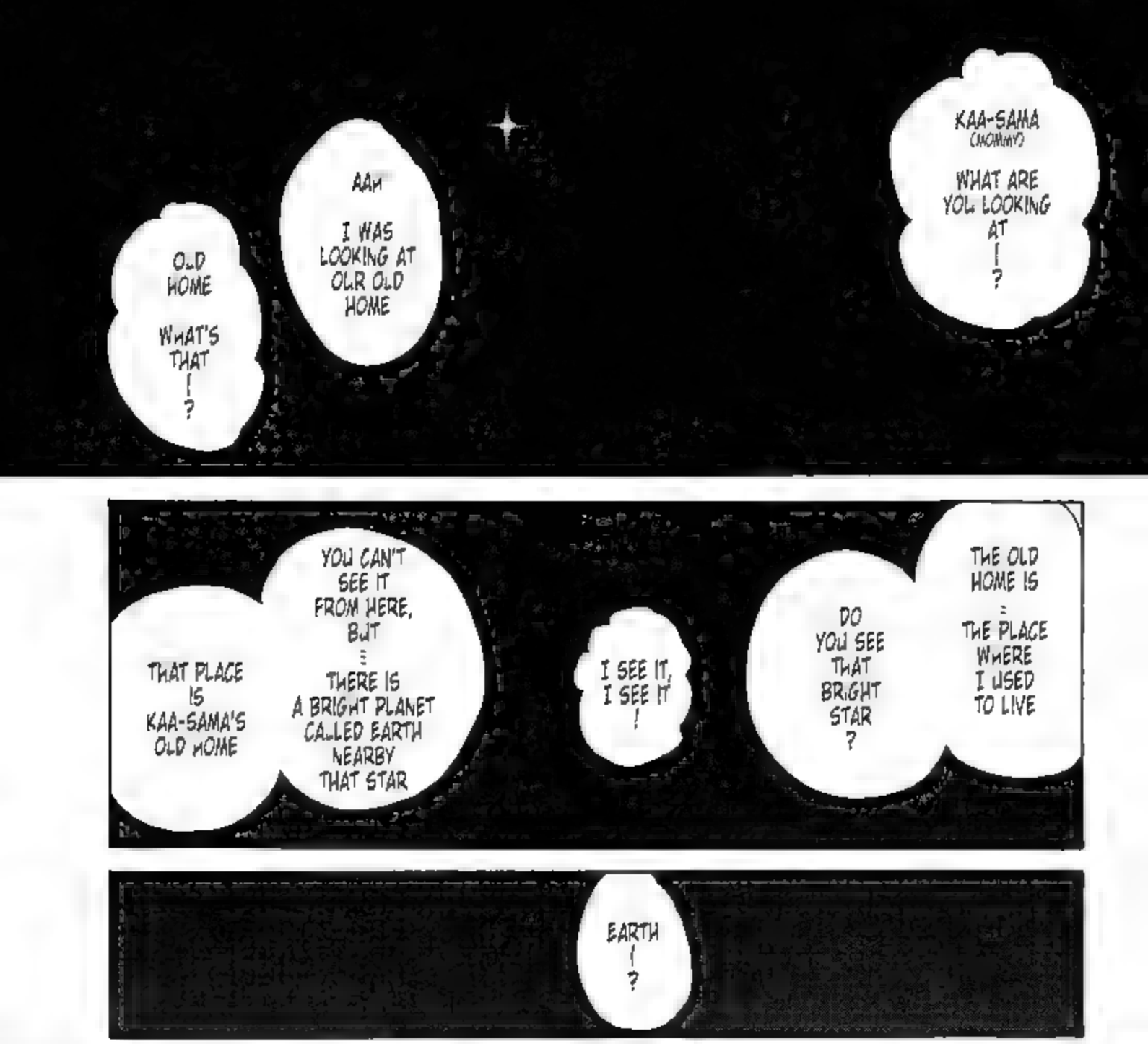
BECAUSE I EXIST.

BECAUSE I... EXIST...

MUV-LUV UNLIMITED

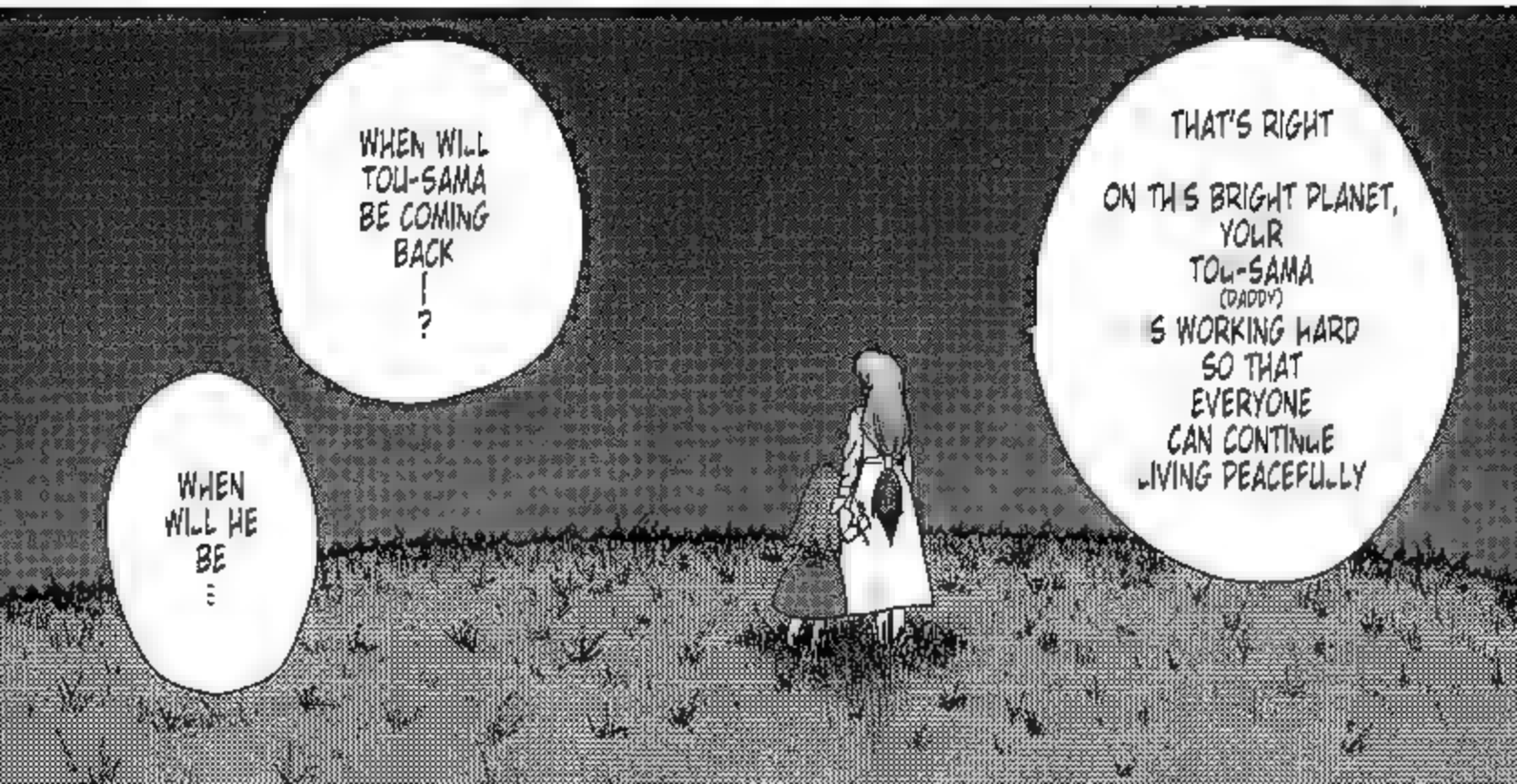
Save in the name of true Love

END


KAA-SAMA
(MOMMY)
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT!?
AAH
I WAS LOOKING AT OUR OLD HOME
OLD HOME
WHAT'S THAT!?

THE OLD HOME IS
:
THE PLACE WHERE I USED TO LIVE
DO YOU SEE THAT BRIGHT STAR?
I SEE IT, I SEE IT!
YOU CAN'T SEE IT FROM HERE, BUT
:
THERE IS A BRIGHT PLANET CALLED EARTH NEARBY THAT STAR
THAT PLACE IS KAA-SAMA'S OLD HOME

EARTH!?


THAT'S RIGHT
ON THIS BRIGHT PLANET, YOUR TOU-SAMA
(DADDY)
IS WORKING HARD SO THAT EVERYONE CAN CONTINUE LIVING PEACEFULLY
WHEN WILL TOU-SAMA BE COMING BACK!?
WHEN WILL HE BE
:

IN TIME =
THERE WILL COME A DAY WHEN WE WILL MEET
TOU-SAMA WILL BE WORK NG HARD UNTIL THEN !?
THAT'S RIGHT
HE KEEPS WORK NG HARD FOR THE SAKE OF YOU AND ME, AND EVERYONE
IT'D BE NICE IF WE CAN MEET TOU-SAMA SOON, WOULDN'T IT !
= THAT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT
COME NOW, LET'S GO
YOU'LL CATCH A COLD
'KAY
TOU-SAMA !
BAI BAAAI !
DO YOU WANT TO MEET TOU-SAMA ?
YEAH ! I WANT TO MEET H.M !
AT TIMES LIKE THIS, YOU SAY, "SEE YOU LATER, 'KAY"

IT'S
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SEE YOU LATER,
'KAY
THAT'S
RIGHT
SEE YOU
LATER,
'KAY
?

TOU-SAMA
!
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SEE YOU LATER,
'KAY
!
!
YEAH
I GOT IT
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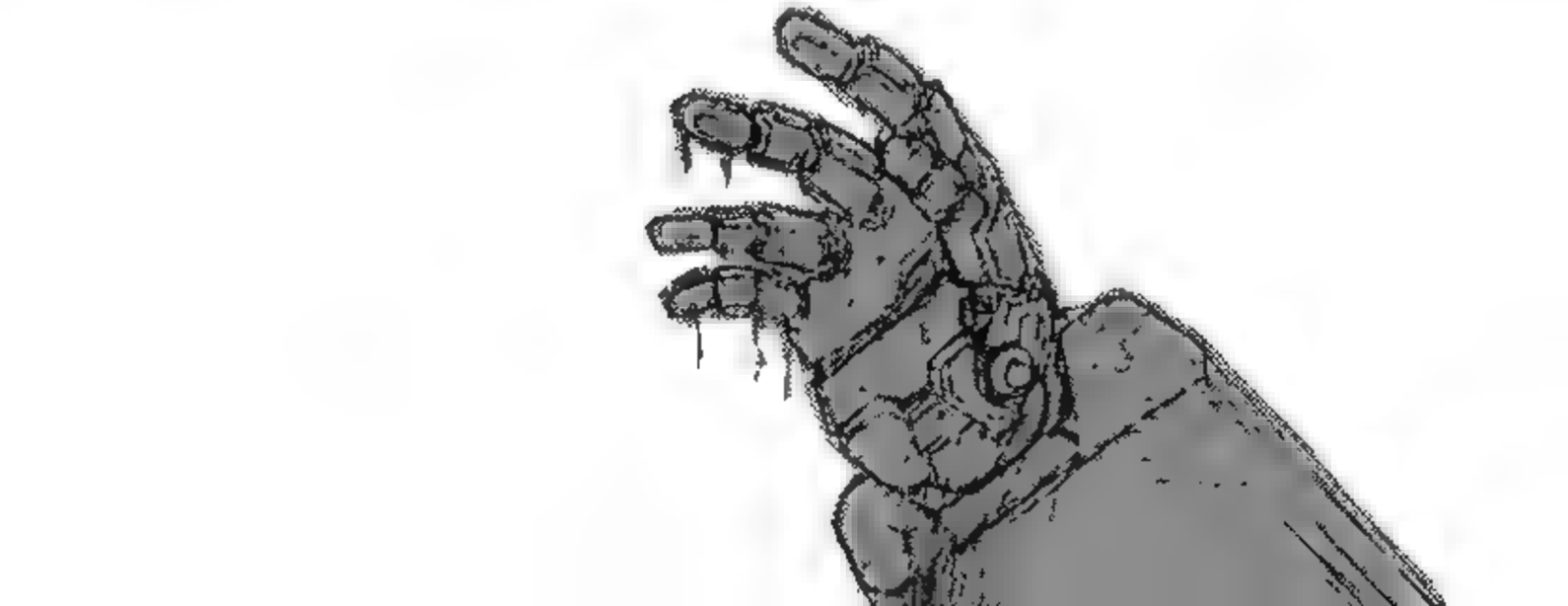

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MUV-LUV
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POSTSCRIPT

YES, AND SO WE WERE ABLE TO SAFELY SEE THE FINAL EPISODE OF THE MANGA EDITION OF MUV-LUV UNLIMITED.

AT THE TIME I WAS MAKING THE MANGA, I HAD TO SHORTEN THE LENGTH, CUTTING IT DOWN LITTLE BY LITTLE, BY ANY MEANS, IN VARIOUS WAYS, DRASTICALLY CUTTING MILITARY INTEL OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, MILITARY TIES, AND OTHER INFORMATION FOR THIS MANGA EDITION; AND WITH PAGE LIMITS, IN ORDER TO KEEP TO THE ORIGINAL WORK AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, I ADVANCE THE STORY BY FOCUSING ON THE APPEAL OF THE CHARACTERS ··· AND I HAD THE INTENTION TO KEEP THAT IN MIND; BUT NOW, WHEN I RE-READ IT, THERE'S A SCENE WHERE I WAS THINKING, "THIS IS HOW THE CHARACTER WAS LIKE, WASN'T SHE?" (LOL)
SO FOR AYAMINE FANS WHO FEEL THAT AYAMINE, IN PARTICULAR, LEAVES A SOMEWHAT ECCENTRIC IMPRESSION, I AM SORRY.

IN THIS MANGA, WE GOT TO SEE A MEIYA ENDING; HOWEVER, AS THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY PLAYED ALTERNATIVE KNOW, FROM HERE ON, TAKERU IS *BLANKETY BLANK*, AND BECAUSE OF *BLANKETY BLANK*, *BLANKETY BLANK BLANKETY BLANK*; THE BATTLE OF SHIROGANE TAKERU HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN!

IN ANY CASE, I WAS ABLE TO KEEP ON GOING TO THE END, THANKS TO EVERYONE'S SUPPORT. THANK YOU FOR READING AND ENJOYING THIS MANGA.

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